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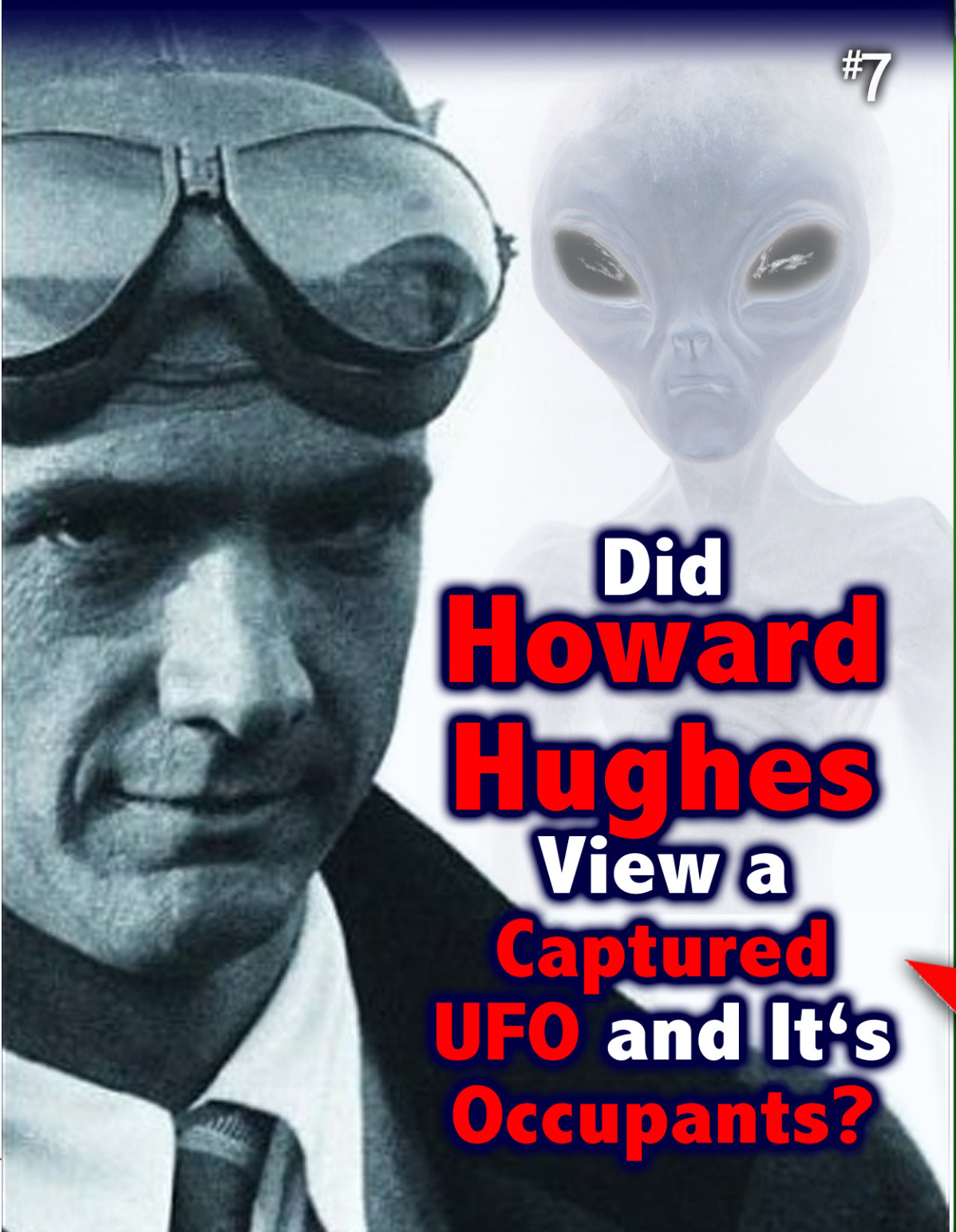

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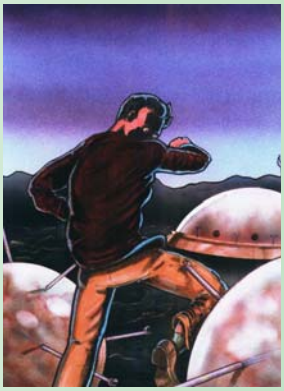

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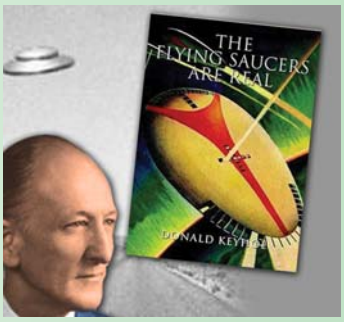

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Vietnam UFO Crash Metal May Be The Smoking Gun

According to Officials at the state run Vietnam News Agency, "An unidentified flying object exploded at about 10am on May 27 over the northern part of Phu Quoc Island." Colonel Nguyen Van Qui, a military commander on the island was the source of the report and no civilian, commercial or military aircraft are said to be missing in that area of southern Vietnam or nearby Cambodia.

The object that crashed was first seen in the skies over Cambodia where officials said it appeared as a "fire in the sky." The thing exploded shortly after that and what was

left of it crashed on Phu Quoc Island. Citizens of a commune on the island retrieved a piece of metal from the crash that they described as measuring "one metre by about 60 centimeters." The metal is unusual looking and appears to have symbols engraved or stamped into it.

Additional pieces of metal were recovered by members of the military and civilians. At this writing, there are fourteen pieces in possession of the Military Command of Phu Quoc District. The metal debris rained down in Ganh Dau and Cua Can communes on Phu Quoc at about 10:20 a.m. on May 27, 2008, according to Lam Quang Chanh, a spokesperson for the provincial People's Committee.

While it's entirely possible that the sightings and recovered material may have nothing to do with an Alien Spacecraft, the events surrounding this crash are similar to other incidents involving UFOs. For example, some of the symbols that appear to be engraved or stamped into the metal (if they are genuine) are similar to those described by witnesses on the thing that crashed near Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s. An I-beam from the Roswell UFO Crash in 1947 was also reported to have unknown symbols on it.

Phu Quoc Island is a popular tourist destination located in the Gulf of Thailand. It has thirteen resort areas and several urban centers. The island was once considered a backwater area known primarily for the production of anchovy sauce and black pepper. Once a French territory with rubber and coconut plantations, Phu Quoc Island housed a prisoner of war camp during the Vietnam War. Vietnam and Cambodia struggled over possession of the island for years after the war until it finally became a part of Vietnam in 1975.

UFO crashes are rare events. When they occur in an area of the world that may not be under the control of the usual cover-up suspects, an opportunity presents itself for the

nation and people involved to share what has happened with the world. Vietnam is a Communist country with close ties to China, so there still may be a tight lid clamped on this event at some point. If that doesn't occur, we may have a chance to see the smoking gun that proves intelligent Alien life forms exist and are visiting the Earth.

The UK UFO Disinformation Machine Is Churning and more Flying Disc Sightings Occur

As credible UFO witnesses pile up and theories involving Sky Lanterns fade, the UK disinformation machine has kicked into high gear. Their latest attempt to explain the continuing sightings in Wales involves spreading a story about one witness that allegedly called the Police to report the Moon as a UFO. Like the Sky Lanterns story, this leaves witnesses and others with the impression that all the talk about UFOs being seen over Wales is much ado about nothing.

Coincidentally (or not), the Moon story came just in time to answer yet another credible UFO witness sighting. Michael Madden, a twenty-five year old Royal Navy aircraft engineer, told the UK press that he watched a "flying disc" above junction 21, near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, on the M5 motorway. His sighting took place at 9:50pm on Sunday, June 29, 2008. Michael was with a co-worker who also saw the object. The two were returning to Yeovilton base from Manchester when they saw the flying disc.

Madden said, "I work with aircraft and grew up next to Manchester Airport so I know exactly what a plane looks and sounds like. This was definitely not a plane. It was a circular disc which was glowing bright, hovering hundreds of metres up. Other people must have spotted it. It was unlike anything I've ever seen in my life. It really did look like alien aircraft in the films."

A number of flying discs have recently been seen in the UK, and some have also made appearances in the USA. Based on recent reports I have received, Disc sightings continue in the San Diego, California area. Seven people individually filed sighting reports about the San Diego discs on my http://www.911UFO.com and http://www.UFOguy.com websites.

According to their statements, these people briefly spotted disc-shaped objects going from south to north across the sky shortly after 1pm on July 2, 2008. Several of the witnesses tried to photograph the object with their cell phones, but nothing came out. The witnesses said that the object appeared to be moving very fast. All of them said the disc was a dull metal color, made no noise and seemed to be flying at the altitude of a traffic helicopter.

Less than a month before, I received a number of reports about a flying disc seen moving fast along the beach in San Diego and from other people driving on area roadways near the beaches that also saw the disc. There were a few cell phone photos, but none were very clear or showed a definitive shape.

Strange lights, odd cog shaped objects and flying discs have been seen over the past few years near San Diego and in other parts of the USA. It's interesting to note the almost constant presence of lights that seem to morph into a triangular shape throughout the world over the past several years and they always seem to be seen in conjunction with flying discs. This is not a new phenomenon, but it's been decades since so many sightings of lights, triangles and saucers have occurred at the same time.

The Welsh 'Roswell'

It's been thirty-four years since an amazing and still unexplained event occurred in North Wales which involved strange lights in the sky, odd tremors, 'Men In Black' types sweeping the countryside for information and something that crashed somewhere in the Berwyn mountains. It's been called the Welsh 'Roswell' because just like the event that allegedly occurred in New Mexico, USA, in 1947, the North Wales case may have involved a crashed UFO, dead Aliens and a government cover-up.

The story begins on January 23, 1974, when the villages of Llandrillo and Llandderfel, near Corwen, were shaken by a tremor measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale. Colored lights began to appear in the sky after the tremor. During the next three weeks there was quite a bit of unexplained military activity in the area and people dressed in dark suits began asking locals a lot of questions about the lights, the tremor and anything they might have seen on various dates.

Local First Responders like Firefighter Adrian Roberts experienced the tremor and cover-up first hand. He says he was thrown off a sofa where he was sitting when the tremor hit. Roberts also claims that the military came into the area and declared several areas 'off limits' to local authorities and the public alike. Retired North Wales Police Assistant Chief Constable Elfed Roberts was driving to Llandrillo just after the tremor with his superior and claims that they both saw an

odd green light in the sky. He also says that the local police were kept away from certain areas after the tremor.

Astronomers and skeptics went out of their way to convince people that a meteor shower coincidently occurred during the tremor that accounted for any strange objects seen in the sky. The lights were explained away as 'earthquake lights' which sometime appear after a major quake, although what people were reporting did not correspond to the classic descriptions of those. The 'Men in Black' types were explained away as seismologists in the area to research the quake, but none of them made such claims.

Although the recent release of MOD UFO documents didn't shed any light on what really crashed in the Berwyn mountain range, a new witness has come forward that might be able to help fill in the blanks. Geraint Edwards, of Llandderfel, Denbighshire, is a retired gamekeeper. He recently gave an interview to Channel 5 in the UK and said that he saw a classic "Flying Saucer" hover above the Berwyn mountains for at least ten minutes on February 15, 1974 before it shot up into the sky at "an impossible speed" (roughly three weeks after all the bizarre activity began).

The interview is part of a Channel 5 (UK) Special about the North Wales events set to air this month (June 2008) in the UK. During the interview, Edwards told a reporter, "'It was definitely a flying saucer. It was a pity I didn't have a camera because it was there for at least 10 minutes, just hovering… We were on the way down to play darts when something caught our eye in the south-east, so we stopped. It looked like a rugger ball, but the ends of it were more pointy. When it took off, it just went like lightning on the same line as it hovered. I wrote it down in my diary. It was 6.45pm on the Friday night. If we were coming back from the pub, people would be saying, "They've had one or two." But we were going TO the pub."

According to other witnesses which include farmers, local first responders, unidentified whistleblowers, residents and tourists, at least one object and its Alien occupants were recovered by British Forces and taken to the Wiltshire research base Porton Down, a top-secret MOD facility. Local witnesses agree that whatever happened back then, none of them had ever experienced or seen anything like it before.

Recent sightings in Wales and the UK bring back memories of the 1974 event as strange lights and flying discs are again seen in these areas, ridiculous cover stories are offered and the MOD is not anxious to investigate the matters or provide any answers. In fact, several UFO events in the USA include elements of both the 1974 and more recent UK UFO sightings and encounters.

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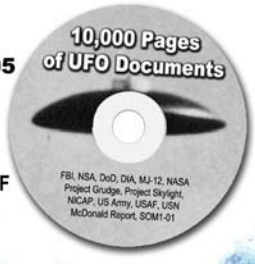

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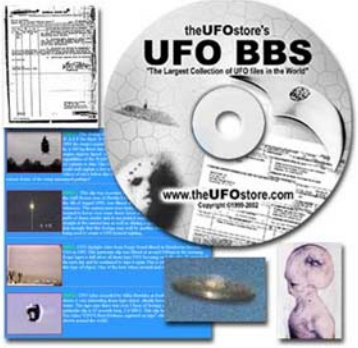

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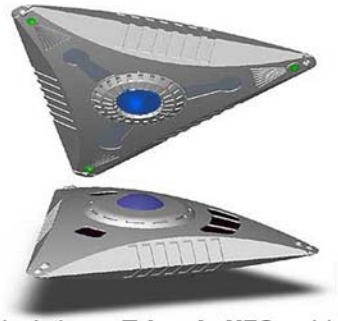

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Debunkers are fond of "explaining" ufos as ball lightning, swamp gas, etc., but, inasmuch as we have next to no understanding of such phenomena, perhaps it would be more accurate to say that, for example, ball lightning is a ufo. After all, the term"ufo" doesn't mean Pleiadian beam ship or Sirian mother ship; it means "unidentified flying object," and is an admission of the fact that there are objects or phenomena flying around in the sky that we don't even begin to understand. In fact, there are a multitude of luminous phenomena in and beyond our atmosphere that we don't even begin to understand, and they all seem to be interrelated in some fashion; indeed, they may be different forms of the same thing.

For centuries, people have reported seeing moving balls of light, usually in swampy areas; these have been called swamp lights, will-o-the-wisp, or jack-o-lanterns. Debunkers claim that these are nothing more than glowing or burning methane gas released by rotting vegetation in swamps. While there is no doubt that methane is produced this way, there is no known chemical process that would cause methane to coldly luminesce. And for it to burn, there would have to be something to ignite the gas, and most swamps don't come equipped with spark plugs. If bubbles of methane were somehow ignited, they would simply produce a brief flame just above the water level. Yet scores of witnesses have reported discrete balls of light moving through the air, and holding themselves together for many seconds. Burning gas expands, rises, and cools. Ever turn on the gas range in your kitchen and have to chase a fireball around the room? I think not. In addition, many observers have reported a seeming awareness on the part of the lights; they seem to react to a human presence.

And then there is so called ball lightning. This has been reported by so many reliable witnesses that mainstream science has had to admit that it exists. Tesla and others have even produced what appears to be ball lightning in laboratories, or from lit candles in microwaves (don't try this at home), and researchers have produced similar effects by hitting silicon with an electric arc, leading some to suspect that natural ball lightning may be caused by ordinary lightning hitting sandy soil, but the lights they produced were only a few centimeters in diameter, and lasted, at the most, for one or two seconds. By contrast, witnesses have reported natural ball lightning over a meter in diameter and lasting many seconds. It has been reported entering sealed aircraft cabins and closed rooms. At a Church in Devon, England on 10/21/1638, witnesses reported an eight foot fireball that killed four people and injured sixty. The problem with trying to explain it is that a ball of hot, glowing gas, or plasma, would, like the burning methane discussed earlier, tend to expand, rise, and cool very quickly. But not only do we not understand ball lightning (if, indeed, it is lightning), we don't fully understand ordinary lightning. In addition, satellites and high flying aircraft have photographed

"red sprites," dim, red flashes as high as ninety kilometers with filaments extending down toward thunderclouds, often in clusters. Also photographed are blue jets that shoot up as narrow cones from the tops of thunderclouds. The sprites somehow produce gamma ray bursts, and no one has any explanation for any of this.

Earthquake lights are another phenomenon that mainstream science admits is real, but cannot explain. Sometimes the lights are seen before or after the quake, and are typically white or bluish glows like an aurora. There are also reports of glowing spheres, or what appear to be flames coming from the ground.Usually they are silent, but sometimes a crackling sound is reported, indicating that they might be electrical in nature. Theories include the release of methane from the ground, but, if so, what ignites it? Another theory is that ball lightning is an electrical discharge due to the piezoelectric effect (quartz crystals subjected to sudden impact or pressure produce electricity), but ball lightning has been reported at sea. How would electric discharges find their way through hundreds of feet of sea water? Also, if the reports of glowing balls are correct, we are faced with the same problem as with swamp lights. What powers the glowing ball, and what holds it together? Also, earthquakes have caused electromagnetic disturbances and low frequency radio emissions in the 10-20 KHz range. This, too, is a mystery.

Michael Persinger, a psychologist at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, is the organizer of the Behavioral Neuroscience Program. He has stimulated the temporal lobes of volunteers with weak magnetic fields, causing them to sense a "presence" in the room. This has led him to theorize that ufos are earthquake lights, and that the earthquake-caused electromagnetic disturbances somehow cause people to hallucinate full-fledged abductions.

It is quite a stretch from sensing a "presence" to the kind of experience alleged abductees report. In addition, abduction experiences usually happen when there is no earthquake, and often far from any fault lines. Persinger has theorized that even between quakes there may be strain on the rocks inside the Earth, and calls this the Tectonic Strain Theory. Chris Rutkowski of the University of Manitoba has pointed out that common household electrical appliances subject people to far stronger electric and magnetic fields than have been produced by earthquakes, but do not cause hallucinations.

British researcher Michael Devereux, like Persinger, believes that lights may appear even when there is no earthquake, and he has organized the Dragon Project to study what he calls "earthlights." At a very few ancient ruins he has detected magnetic and radiation anomalies, and possibly infrared and ultrasound effects. Note that crop circles are also commonly found near ancient ruins in England. Devereux has come to suspect that the lights are in some sense alive or aware, possessing at least some level of intelligence.

Videographer Jose Escamilla taped what he calls "rods" at Midway, New Mexico on 3/19/94 and many times since. He thinks that researchers like Ivan T. Sanderson and Trevor James Constable may have photographed them in the late nineteen fifties, and Constable used infrared film. Basically, the rods appear to be some sort of bizarre flying creatures with rod-shaped bodies and projecting fins, that move through the air, and apparently through water and even solid rock at such speed that they are normally invisible to the human eye. When videotape is played back in extreme slow motion, they often appear. Before anyone accuses Escamilla of a hoax, consider the fact that dozens of other people have also taped them. In one case, researchers taped some nocturnal moths, and, when the tape was played back in slow motion, the moths took on the appearance of rods due to a doubling effect inherent to videocameras. But many other rods have offset fins in multiples of three, an effect impossible to achieve with insects, whose wings are in multiples of two. Escamilla points out that a rod photographed in Maryland appears to be partly behind a cloud, indicating that, whatever it was, it was colossal in size. In many of these videotapes, the cameras appear to be focused on infinity, making it difficult to explain the rods as insects very close to the camera. Escamilla and other researchers have also reported a seeming awareness on the part of the rods; often they swerve to avoid people. I have discussed with Mr. Escamilla the possibility that the larger rods may be identical with at least some of the flying dragons of folklore. The idea that ufos, or some of them, may be some sort of bizarre life form, is very old. Whatever they are, they are worthy of further study, and, as common as they seem to be, studying them shouldn't be all that difficult.

It should also be fairly easy to study another phenomenon reported in recent years: orbs. When electronic cameras are used with a flash attachment, fairly often glowing balls of light appear, that were not visible at the time to the photographer or other people present when the picture was taken. Naturally, the manufacturers claim that these are not artifacts of the cameras caused by some defect. Debunkers claim that they are merely dust motes in the air. Perhaps so, but they appear in some pictures and not in others and seem to have no connection to the amount of dust present. Researcher Paul J. Muir claims to have photographed them near ancient English ruins, or sacred sites, apparently making them identical to Devereux's earthlights. At some of these sites he claims to have triangulated their position using two cameras, apparently ruling out the dust mote theory, and, like

Devereux, he has reported magnetic anomalies at some of the sites, and says that the orbs are electrically charged. Note that these reports of electromagnetic anomalies seem common to many of these various phenomena, and have also been reported by ufo researchers.

If orbs and rods would seem to be easy to study, the same is true of mysterious lights that show up over and over at the same locations. One of these would be Marfa, in West Texas, where balls of light, usually reddish in color, flashing off and on rapidly, have been seen by numerous observers, and also photographed and videotaped. Debunkers claim that they are distant car headlights, but they are seen in directions away from the roads, and, anyway, were reportd in 1883 before there was even a rail line in the area, let alone any automobiles. As with all of these phenomena, most professional scientists refuse to investigate them, leaving that task mostly to amateurs, whom the professionals then disparage. It might be useful to get detailed seismic and geological data on the area, to see if the lights cluster around fault lines or near certain minerals or ground water. Acoustic data should be collected, as some observers have reported a high pitched hum. Infrared and low light cameras should be used, and geiger counters and ultraviolet detectors, and, although the lights are only reported at night, that doesn't mean that they are not present by day, only invisible.

Similar lights have been reported on and around Brown Mountain Ridge in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina, dating back to pre-Civil War and Indian accounts, which would appear to rule out the convenient car headlight theory.They are seen floating among the trees and sometimes larger lights split into several smaller ones, something also reported with ufos. The League of Energy Materialization and Unexplained Phenomena Research, or LEMUR, have detected them with infrared and moving across rock faces. They have activated geiger counters, but this may be due, not to radiation, but to the ionization of the air. LEMUR has also measured electrical currents moving through the ground, and radio emissions in the 140 KHz range. They appear to be more common in times of high solar activity. There are thrust faults in the region, and caves and springs, and quartz and magnetite are common minerals around the ridge. One man claimed to have touched one and received an electric shock. All of this suggests something electrical in nature, but what? Note that caves and springs are reportedly also the site of many paranormal events.

Another of the many areas where mysterious lights are reported is Hessdalen, Norway. Linda Moulton Howe and some Norwegian researchers have done a fairly detailed study of these lights. They have come to believe that about ninety five percent are not solid objects, but plasmas emitting low frequency radio, and varying in brightness and size but not in temperature. The researchers have somehow determined that some five percent of the lights contain solid objects, polished spheres up to forty centimeters in diameter. Some are visible only in infrared, large lights have been seen emitting smaller ones, and they seem to have a complex structure of many small components vibrating around. A ufo of the flying triangle type has also been reported at Hessdalen.

In the town of Silver Cliff, Colorado, there are two cemetaries on Mill Street about a mile south of town, where numerous observers have reported a multitude of small lights in many colors flying around, and even following people. This certainly suggests some kind of awareness, and the cemetary location suggests that the lights may be paranormal in nature, but no one knows for sure. Again, it would be easy for professional scientists to do a detailed study, if any of them cared enough to bother.

And then there is Toppenish Ridge on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washingtom State, just east of the volcanic Cascade Mountains and in an area with several fault lines. For decades, many, many witnesses have reported flashing red and white lights and a few blue or orange ones moving around; often they move jerkily, or back and forth. Fire lookouts, people whose observations generally have to be trusted, have often reported them. Much original work was done by David Akers on behalf of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who evolved from a ufo debunker into a ufo investigator. He found no magnetic anomalies.

Clearly we are dealing, at the very least, with a natural phenomenon or several phenomena, that challenge our basic understanding of physics. If these things are alive or aware in some way, the implications are disturbing. Could they be a bizarre life form? Or are they paranormal entities, challenging the current atheist/materialist paradigm? Or are we wrong to draw a line between life forms and the paranormal? Are they perhaps part of a continuum, or is all life in some sense paranormal? And, since these are, by definition, ufos, does that mean that all ufos are a strange natural phenomenon, or bizarre life forms, or manifestations of the paranormal? Or are some of them spacecraft of unknown origin, while others are paranormal? Why do we assume that all ufos are essentially the same thing? Things may be more complex and strange than we can understand.

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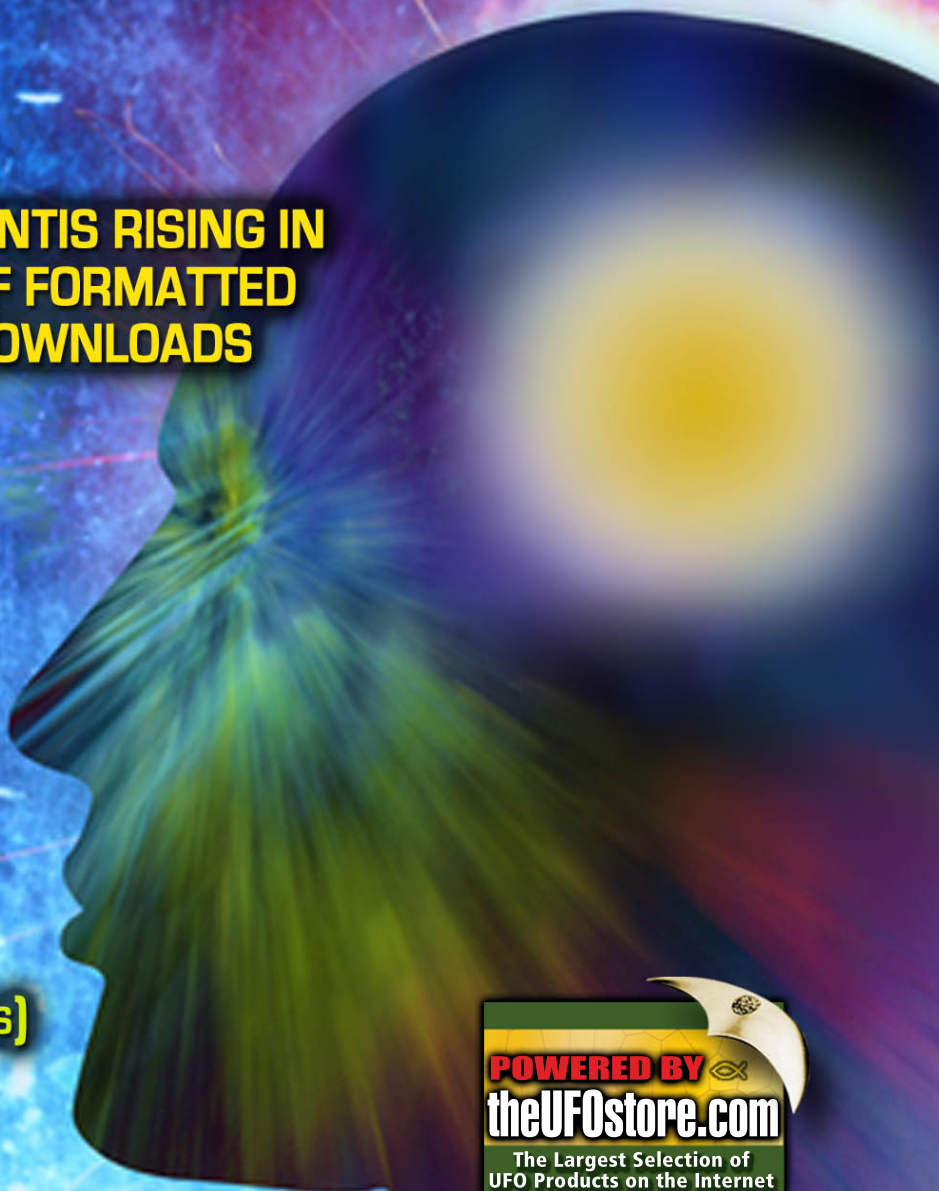

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On October 24th, 1991, documents were provided to former Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich, the then President of the All-Union Ufological Association in Russia. These files contained copies of UFO reports sent to the infamous KGB. An accompanying letter was written by the Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Security USSR, N.A. Sham. The files consisted of handwritten reports, typed testimonies, notes from KGB informers, crude drawings and eyewitness reports of UFOs. This cooperation between UFO researchers and the KGB was unprecedented and was a landmark in UFO research in the Soviet Union and possibly the world. Sixteen years later we have managed to catch up with the now former Deputy Commander of the KGB, and published here for the first time is an interview with the man himself.

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In June 2007 I was asked for an interview by NTV. NTV is one of the largest TV companies in Russia. Apparently they were making a new UFO documentary and wanted to discuss with me my research into the Alien Autopsy film and the book I had co-authored with Paul Stonehill (Mysterious Sky-Soviet UFO Phenomenon).

Former KGB Deputy Commander Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham

The journalist Alexey Egorov along with his cameraman and translator Elena Volkovaya duly arrived and the interview took place at my home in West Yorkshire. After the interview we discussed many things and Alexey informed me that he had interviewed the former Deputy Chairman of the KGB Nikolay Sham, and discussed with him their release of official KGB UFO files to Russian UFO researchers. This is covered in our book Mysterious Sky. Alexey went on to say that he could provide me with a transcript of his interview with Nikolay Sham. This duly arrived via email and was quickly translated by my colleague Paul Stonehill. Nothing has been omitted from the following interview, although Paul Stonehill has inserted a few things in brackets for clarification purposes only.

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Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham was born in 1940. He was in the KGB from 1966 to 1991. From 1974, he worked in the central administration of the KGB. He was involved with the operational, technical and scientific projects. In 1986 he was with the commission that investigated the Chernobyl disaster. His rank was deputy chief of the 6th Directorate of the KGB (this is where revolutionary scientific ideas and hi-tech technologies were researched and provided protection from foreign agents; this is also where the Soviet economic espionage against other nations was generated). He left the KGB in 1992, because of health reasons. In 1999 he headed a private corporation, Greenmaster, involved in the production of various devices using technologies of the defense industry. Later he was the General Director of First Leasing Company (2003). He is mentioned in Russian media in connection with paranormal phenomena.

Soviet Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich

The former KGB Major-General, Nikolay Sham, who for a time served as a KGB deputy chairman, had turned over to cosmonaut Popovich a 127-page record of anomalous events observed on the territory of the former Soviet Union and in the Russian Federation.

INTERVIEW:

Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham. (NAS)
Alexey Egorov (AE)

AE: "Nikolay Alekseyevich, this document here from the KGB, sent to Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; did you send it?"

NAS: "Quite right."

AE: "What year was it?"

NAS: "It was in '91; the document's registration indicates so, that is why the year was '91.

AE: "Hence, you sent a complete file of documents from the KGB?"

NAS: "Quite right. I simply (unclear-P.S.) story, why the accumulation of these documents took place specifically in the KGB. There was a special decree of the Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union about the commencement of the research of these phenomena that occur in nature. According to this decree all law enforcement agencies (KGB, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior Affairs, and the border guards) had to inform and report to the Center about facts they had been receiving regarding all such phenomena in nature. And all the agencies had factually accumulated the information. But the KGB was not engaged in research of such issues; it is just that some administration, some special department, if they would get some eyewitnesses of all that was happening in the atmosphere… they would take explanations and mostly hand-written materials that were sent there, describing how they saw (phenomena-P.S.), what they felt during (sightings-P.S.); describing the background of the event, and so on. All that we had eventually accumulated…accumulated, and by the same decree a few academic institutes were obliged to undertake (measures-P.S.) in order to research all these effects, various phenomena, and come to some conclusion of every incident. The main institute in the Academy of Sciences selected and appointed (to head the research-P.S.) was the Institute of Space Studies. All interesting facts were always addressed. Experts, scientists left for the place of the incident, asked questions, took soil samples, took various measurements, and so on; and reached some conclusion based on the results of the event or a fact (that was being researched-P.S.). This work was conducted for several years, and some time in mid '85-'86, in that area, it was completed, this work…and produced was a report about all the events that were registered through a number of years over the territory of the Soviet Union.

I remember that report; I held it in my hands. Of course, I do not remember all of the details there, but from what I remember now, up to 70 percent of all phenomena that were somehow registered had been explained".

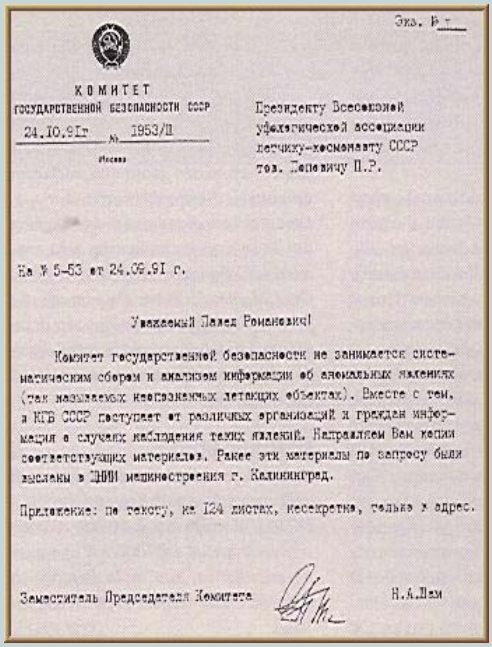
AE: "They were explained from the point of view of classical science?"

NAS: "Quite right."

AE: "And, (remaining-P.S.) 30 percent?"

NAS: "Well, 30 percent…of those 30 percent, half were explained; not just one explanation, but variations of: it could be explained this way, or that way. But not in the sense that again, (it was-P.S.) some extraterrestrial civilization, its manifestation, and so on. No. And some 10-15 percent could not be explained at all…what it was, what effects, manifestations, what kind of phenomena occurred in nature, atmosphere, and so on".

AE: "Do you remember any examples of what could not be explained"?



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KGB document that accompanied the release of the UFO files

NAS: "Mostly it…things that could not be explained, when some object materialized. Observed was a materialized object, mostly they were spots, some luminescent points, something else of different configurations and so on. As for materialized objects, that truly, if they were photographed, they had a materialized background in the shape of a saucer, some cylinder, or something similar. All such things, of course, could not have been explained: what it was, how one can comprehend all of it. That is what I remember from everything that took place back then. Moreover, all these sharp increases in public interest, they take place periodically. Time after time, the same question…you are fifth or sixth party that come with the same question. Also, from the West I was approached, why? Because these materials; this digest, travel all over the world".

AE: "All comes from this letter, because after this letter, the KGB secret files were sent to ufologists".

NAS: "No, there was not any secret document".

AE: "That is, the documents were not secret before?"

NAS: "Of course… quite right. Imagine, some citizen saw some luminescent loop, and he wrote about it. The officer on duty of some administration or a special department received this information, registered in the logbook, wrote an accompanying letter, and sent to the Center. What secrets are here? No secrets at all. On the other hand, the explanation for all such phenomena in most cases…you understand, tests were conducted, launches were performed, airplanes fly about, helicopters fly about, and the space is full of space (manmade-P.S.) objects and fragments of the space objects that periodically descend and enter the dense layers of the atmosphere. That is on one hand. On another hand, so-called "mirage" phenomena, mirages. You know, you have heard of mirages. Things related to crashes, disasters; aircraft crash when (the craft-P.S.) falls apart in flight and falls to the ground and so on. That is, a multitude of things that due to some optic distortions and so on, sometimes create such background, that really it can appear that you are in some fairy tale world, and are surrounded humanoids, that another civilization attacks the Earth, and so on. In all of my life I have never met such a fact or event, or something similar, as a result of which one could with some certainty and credibility say, that this was appearance of an extraterrestrial civilization. In all of my life, regretfully, nothing like that happened. At the same time, if we, for example, will find explanations for all of that…Here in Russia now, for some years there is research, various experiments; at their core lies, to say generally, registration of the Galactic and Universal influence on the Earth. If one can imagine this entire world…

AE: "In this file people write… "I saw a strange object, a luminescent cloud". This is not a hallucination; here he exactly…"

NAS: "And I want to address this point…how one can explain such things. Here, based on the results of the work that is being performed here in Russia. What is the heart of the problem? If we imagine this Earth where we live-it is constantly subjected to the effects of the external environment. In fact, we have…we have gravitational fields. Further…we have the Sun, and gigantic energy of the Sun comes to the Earth. Correct? Then, we have heavy planets, we have galaxy, we have so-called "relic radiation"; we have a tremendous amount of electromagnetic fields with different frequencies, and so on. And human being, it is also such a being that has everything moving inside, shifts. You know, there is some aura around a human being; a human being emits some radiation, and so forth and so forth. As a principle, one cannot exclude that in conjunction with certain factors and creation of certain fields, with manifestation of certain electromagnetic fields with certain frequencies there comes some influence on human beings. And results of these studies demonstrate, really definitely and truly demonstrate, that a human being, entering into the area of influence of such natural phenomena…he starts changing, this human being. That is, in principle, he comes to the point where he ceases to comprehend. That is, entering into the field,

Russian UFO photograph taken by Semyon Teglyov
in Kazakhstan on April 27, l995

into this zone, that can continue for dozens of minutes… he becomes inadequate, this human being".

AE: "Can the same objects often be called hallucinations?"

NAS: "Quite so …in the mind of the human being affected by all that, it can (be a hallucination-P.S.), on one hand. On the other hand, because the Earth, too, is not of one origin, that is, there are so-called break-up lines. What is the break-up line? To speak figuratively, it is electrolyte. In the fissure, there is electrolyte. And as this is electrolyte, and imagine, there is some movement of this firmness, naturally it comes (movement-P.S.), currents are registered, and the mechanism…of the equipment in the cables registers currents up to 27 amperes!

AE: Can you imagine the power that comes as a result of these waves, radiation that comes from the very Earth?

NAS: Neutron streams. Neutron streams, they come from space, neutron streams come from the Earth. And this gigantic energy component in various shapes…and what is a human being in comparison to all this power as such? The water, too…it is the stuff that, as it is said, the original mother of all that exists."

AE: "These accumulated documents the ufologists nicknamed Blue File…Do you know the fate of the Blue File (name given for the KGB UFO documents PS), what happened with it, after ufologists were given these documents?"

NAS: "Also, there was some interest two-three years ago in the same subject, in this file. I offered them to just meet, I know some ufologists, I offered to meet them in order to…and I organized this meeting; I do not know what happened after that, but I did previously speak with these comrades on the subject of all these documents. And they said, generally, with regret, with resentment, they told me that all of the materials that had been accumulated in the institutes and so on, it did, to say figuratively, left Russia.

AE: "They say, for five hundred dollars…"

NAS: "In fact…with such (great-P.S.) resentment I was told of all these things. Indeed, some unscrupulous people used the situation, the lawlessness and uncertainty that exist in the country, and tried to make business out of it. And in fact, these materials left the country".

AE: "I can give this example. The letter was addressed to Pavel Popovich. Three days ago we posed a question to Popovich, and he said: let me go through this file, I want to understand, what is there, because he (Popovich-P.S.) did not see.

NAS: "In this case, it was, so to say, the enthusiasts of this field (ufology-P.S.), they are in the world, enthusiasts of this field, because a human being in its essence is such, he needs something that is always certain, that is why people have sorts of hobbies…"

AE: "How seriously can we take these here shots of the flying saucer?"

NAS: "Firstly, I know absolutely nothing about this. This is the first thing. I can only comment that in the Soviet Union during the period of, so to say, blooming of the rocket-space system industry here, every year more than 100 satellites of various types had been launched. We had that main spacecraft that is still with us, the piloted Soyuz craft, and its descending capsule. At the same time, our other organizations developed completely different systems, including (those for-P.S.) evacuation of the crew, and landings. These systems had been tested, and really they were in their essence, unique, these systems. It seems to me, one of the emergency breakdown situations connected to the experimental work to develop these systems, is depicted in this film. This is most likely. Usually, when there was an emergency breakdown situation, naturally, the site would be sealed off, and experts would arrive there. In principle, all these developments were conducted in the interests of the Ministry of Defense, interests of the Armed Forces. They were not the only developments; they were done in the interests of the Ministry of Defense.

AE: "And that, precisely, is what could have taken place?"

NAS: "Quite right. That very "Buran" (This was a Soviet attempt to create a space-shuttle like vehicle PS) that we created, the orbital craft, it was preceded by a bunch of experiments,

connected with tests of various models and so on and so forth. That is, we had a massive volume of undertakings in that direction; various undertakings. Long-term orbital stations, like Mir, this currently international…All of this was preceded by military developments, they were completed these military developments, they were in use and so on"

AE: "If this here autopsy took place, would you be informed?" (Most likely TNT TV show The Secret KGB Files broadcast in the USA in l998).

NAS: "Of course, naturally...Such event, it just could have gone unnoticed, could not have. Why? Because the KGB, counterintelligence, it was concerned with all our military-industrial sites, that is why…such event, if it truly took place, of course the KGB would have been in the know. I have no doubts about that whatsoever. That is why here, whatever is taking place (in the film-P.S.), and I do not know what it is. Why? Because, in reality, experiments did take place…

Russian NTV journalist Alexey Egorov and Philip Mantle

And then, we had lots of programs for the study of the planets of the Solar system. If you look at all the apparatuses, which descend, be it on Mars, be it Venus, or our moonwalkers and so on. And there, imagine, how many experiments were conducted here on Earth to supply this or other Martian program, or a program connected with launch of our apparatuses to Venus? These apparatuses were of various shapes. Mostly, of course, they were spherical. Why? Because, for example, it lands on Venus with a parachute, naturally, the best is the spherical shape. As for the strategic weapons that we had created…Strategic weapons, before they are added to the armory, they (weapons-P.S.) go through a whole series of design experiments. When it flies, the missile, one part separates, the second part separates, the third…There are emergency landings, with breakdowns, and the missile has these discs, these parts…There can be anything, in fact…and in all the cases, you can imagine, you prepare for turning over for utilization some strategic complex. And suddenly, in the final stage, an emergency breakdown takes place. The chief, general designer, he has to understand the reason for this breakdown, that is why all fragments had were always collected. And always, special units were dispatched…"

AE: "Nikolay Alekseyevich, in 1991, with this file, at that moment, what was your position in the KGB?"

NAS: "From September '91 I was Deputy Chairman of KGB and remained at that position until June of '92. And, then left because of health reasons".

AE: "In your service, what did you oversee or control that is connected with what we now call UFO; what units and projects were under your control?"

NAS: "That subject of UFO appeared in mid '70s. I already mentioned...From mid-'70s there was a sharp increase, related to these unidentified flying objects. There was a resolution of the government and Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to conduct related projects to bring clarity to these phenomena that took place in the country. This resolution was made, and all law enforcement agencies-Ministry of defense, KGB, Ministry of Interior Affairs-were obliged to receive information from citizens regarding such events and send this information to the center.

Thus, this system was created, worked out, and from all the corners of the nation, wherever something happened, related to such events and phenomena, all this came to us, to the Center. And from the Academy side, several institutes were obliged to conduct research of the phenomena that were registered on Earth.

The Institute for Space Studies was designated to be the main one. And for several years this work had been conducted; it was completed some time in mid '80s; a report, a fundamental report was produced, where, generally, all collected matters, related to the events in this or that corner of the country, all were put on shelves, systemized, materials were related to every (appropriate-P.S.) event, location of the event, time of the event, what eyewitnesses, what did they observe, what did they feel at the time, what effects and what shape the thing had-all this was

systemized; they even made tabular shapes, shapes and silhouettes (outlines-P.S.) of UFOs that had appeared in the atmosphere.

In most cases, experts went to the most interesting sites. Performed appropriate measurements, conducted questioning of eyewitnesses, and conducted various researches of sorts, and so on. And as a result some conclusion was made for every event.

I remember, around seventy percent of the events were provided with real and objective explanations. What were they connected with? Tests of aviation technology, missile technology, launches of space objects, parts of spacecraft objects falling into the atmosphere, aircraft technology disasters, some cataclysms in nature connected with something being discarded and so on. That is, everywhere they found an explanation.

But in thirty percent of cases, it is as if half of an explanation was given, but not a single one, meaning that yes, something took place, but facts that certainly confirm what is, are not sufficient. And in some instances, simply due to lack of information and due to dearth of any material proof at the incident site, no conclusions were made.

The annual report was completed somewhere in mid '80s. The KGB itself, naturally, did not research these issues; we did not have such direction. There simply was collection, gathering; and periodically the materials, as they say, were dumped into the Institute of Space Studies or other departments, depending again on the contents of an event, as they say. That is what took place".

AE: "Who took the lead in the government to issue resolutions; was it Brezhnev himself; did it fascinate him, was he interested in it? Why all of a sudden in the mid '70s this resolution came about, and who took the lead?"

NAS: "I do not know about taking lead. After all, at the time we had a military-industrial commission, and in cat, many things were originated there. But who specifically at the military-industrial commission all of a sudden took the lead, I do not remember…Most likely it (the initiative-P.S.) could had been the military-industrial commission, or, let's assume, we had the rocket-space technology field; the Ministry of General Engineering Industry, it could have come from there. Or, for example, from the same Academy of Sciences. That is, where would the initiative come from? Well, the initiative came about because the media, as they say, began to play up with things, as such. And since it began to play up, our government and Party always reacted to such things. I cannot say, who took the lead with the release of the resolution. The topic was named, I recall, Setka AN (A sharp increase in UFO activity in l977/78 had forced the appropriate departments with the USSR Academy of Sciences to agree a research program for anomalous phenomena. The code name for this program was SETKA AN-P.S.), the name of this subject, the Setka AN program. And since then…"

AE: "Why Setka AN?"

NAS: "I do not know why it was exactly Setka AN. I cannot say. That did not interest us; what was interesting was why? Because…As a matter of principle, all these things, (unclear)… that take place in the atmosphere, and that assume such various forms, all this, generally, first of all are connected with, of course, power engineering, with electromagnetic fields, with massive radiation that surround us. This radiation…just the enumeration, as they say, God knows how much there is, starting with…(unclear)…was given a Noble Prize for discovering this relic radiation. These scientists had discovered first, launching a specialized satellite, and see how the Americans had developed that topic, and received a Noble Prize for it. And our program was terminated, did not get to be developed.

End of interview.

You don't have to be Einstein to see that Sham is still a little guarded all these years later. It is nonetheless interesting to note that he readily admits that a large percentage of things did remain unidentified and he did clarify what western researchers had speculated about for years, the fact that the Soviets used UFO stories to mask weapons testing. The reason for this is that they were breaking a number of international treaties at the time.

Space here does not allow a more in-depth look at the KGB UFO files but they are covered extensively in the book I co-authored with Paul Stonehill. It is: Mysterious Sky-Soviet UFO Phenomenon. Published by PublishAmerica this 408 page illustrated book is available via Amazon.

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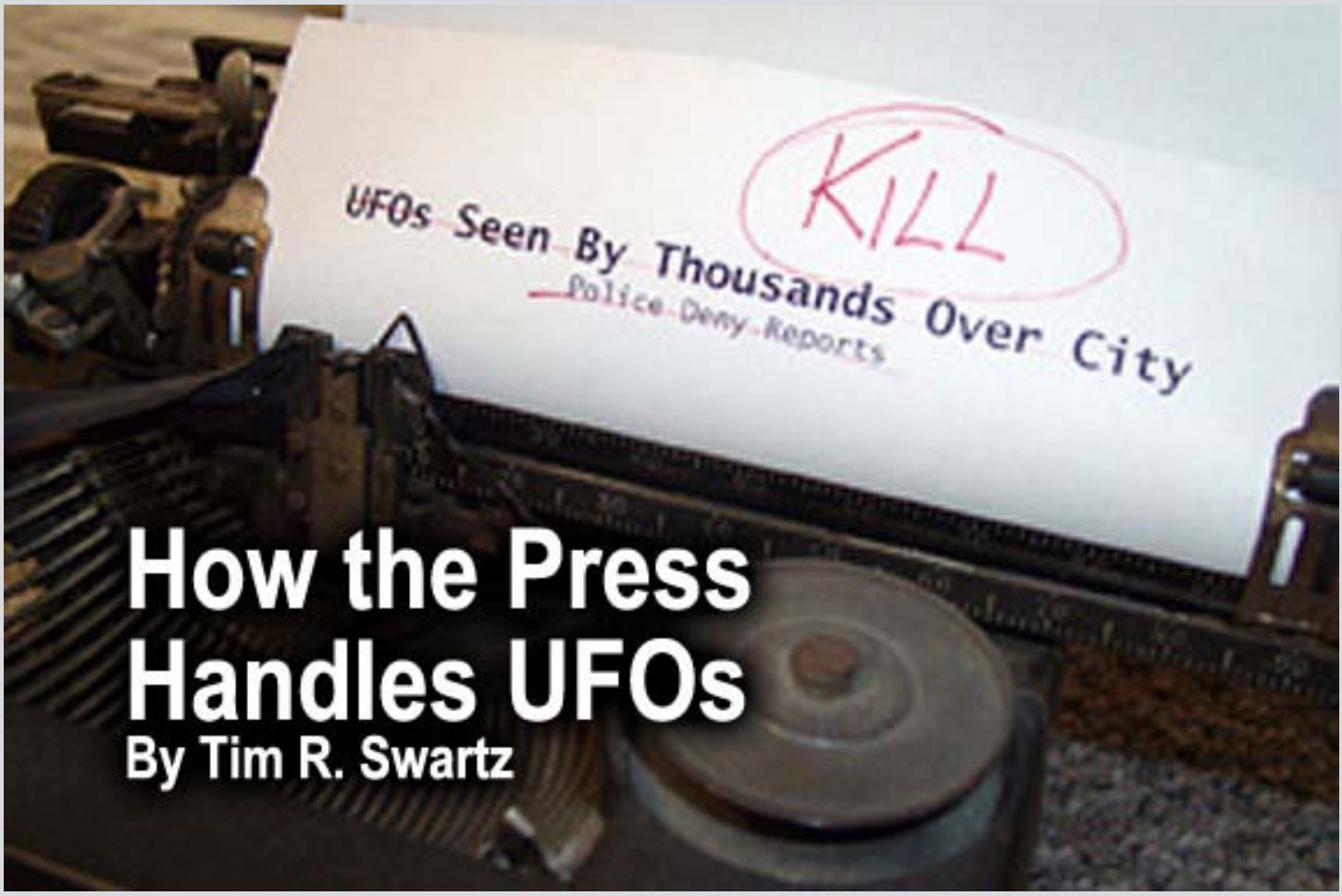

How the Press Handles UFOs

By Tim R. Swartz

It was a press conference that should have had reporters lining up for sound bites and quotes. The press is always searching for something new and interesting, or something that uncovers information that is new and deserving of in-depth investigation.

On November 12, 2007, nineteen former pilots and government officials offered dramatic accounts of witnessing UFOs and demanded the U.S. government reopen investigation into unidentified flying objects. The group was hard to dismiss, many of them are ex-military including Fife Symington, an ex-air force pilot and former Arizona governor who claims to have seen a large UFO in 1997.

"We want the U.S. government to stop perpetuating the myth that all UFOs can be explained away in down-to-earth, conventional terms," Symington told reporters.

In a statement, the group declared that "for reasons of both national security and flight safety, every country should make an effort to identify any object in its airspace."

One would imagine that this kind of disclosure from a group of highly trained, no nonsense people would have garnered front page headlines and lead stories on all major newspapers and national television news outlets. However, just the opposite occurred. Despite a good turnout by the press, the story was mostly buried in the back pages or briefly mentioned right after perennial entertainment stories of starlets arrested for drunk driving.

It seems that when it comes to UFOs, no matter how good the witness, or how compelling the evidence, the press simply refuses to take the subject seriously.

The failure of the news media to respond to this press conference is no surprise considering that the mainstream press has developed the attitude that UFO reports are strictly fodder for the tabloids. This position has become so pervasive that when some editors and journalists have attempted serious, well researched, UFO investigations, they found themselves isolated by their peers.

The popular misconception is that UFOs are seen only by the uneducated, the mentally ill, or hoaxers seeking personal gain. Because of this, many think that any reporter interested in handling such a story must also be so inclined. Heaven help a journalist who has had a personal UFO experience and attempts to report on it. He may face severe questions concerning his credibility as a journalist.

According to the current attitude with the news media, there has never been anything mysterious about UFO sightings; they can all be easily explained away with glib, uninformed blanket statements. However, this has not always been the case. In the late 1940's the mainstream press regularly covered UFO reports. At that time UFOs was a relatively unknown phenomenon and had not been tainted by the "lunatic fringe" that would surface in the 1950's and 60's. By then, most media outlets had become discouraged by the lack of progress in explaining UFOs and little, if any, verifiable evidence.

By the time the seventies had rolled around, UFO stories were permanently consigned to the back pages next to the horoscope column. Except for local, small town papers, the news media rarely reports UFO sightings. When they do, the subject is presented as a "feature story," not to be taken seriously. In large metropolitan newspapers, the occasional UFO report that does gets printed is usually restricted to the paper's entertainment section.

A Few Brave Souls

Some journalists have taken on the challenge of serious UFO investigations. Unfortunately, many have suffered setbacks in their careers as a result of their research. Others have been ignored or permanently ostracized. One such journalist, who was not afraid of the stigma of reporting on UFOs, was White House correspondent Sarah McClendon who covered the White House beat for more than 50 years. As an independent freelance reporter, McClendon provided a strong and assertive role model for journalists by asking controversial and provocative questions.

White House correspondent Sarah McClendon who covered the White House beat for more than 50 years

In 1998, McClendon reported in her column, newsletter, and radio show about the call from ufologists and enthusiasts for government disclosure on UFOs and the establishment of a global scientific conference on the subject. McClendon said, "UFOs need to be brought out into the open with serious scientific research. Unfortunately, the real danger to the U.S. and perhaps this whole planet is the government has placed such a heavy blanket of secrecy upon this issue."

McClendon continued by saying that there is so much secrecy that those in the government and media who have knowledge showing UFOs could be craft from outside the Earth think that the subject cannot be discussed. This is because they are afraid their friends and co-workers would think them crazy. This is especially true of newspaper editors, publishers, reporters and analysts.

McClendon's statements were very prophetic as her UFO-themed columns drew quick, negative reactions from her peers who insinuated that the honored journalist had succumbed to age-related dementia. All this simply because McClendon dared to seriously discuss UFOs without resorting to insult the intelligence of her readers by making the subject a joke.

Even thought it has been denied, there is no doubt that the military and other government agencies have been responsible at times for press blackouts concerning UFO sightings. Government orders to silence the press about UFOs are not, however, contained strictly within the United States. In 1996, a top-level BBC executive let slip that there is a D-Notice (black-out) on media reporting of black triangle UFOs. The executive, who has kept his identity hidden, is the former producer of a popular BBC science program. He told one investigator that the black triangle UFO has been "heavily D-Noticed" by the British government. Consequently the BBC will not be reporting on the strange UFO, no matter how many witness reports they receive.

UFOs and the Press

It Is All Just One Big Joke

In the United States the press has become "self-policing" when it comes to serious, investigative reports on the UFO phenomena. Rarely will the larger media outlets in the major markets allow anything but the silliest UFO stories to reach the public. On the rare occasion that a legitimate UFO related story does make the headlines, more often then not, the reporter will add personal opinions to the piece in an attempt to save face and invoke the "giggle factor."

This is the real underlying problem when it comes to impartial reporting on UFOs. Many journalists feel that the subject is just "too weird" to warrant real investigation. Instead, most take the low road of journalism and turn their stories into humorous pieces that ridicules everyone involved, no matter how impressive their credentials are.

Even worse, reporters and their editors have a bad habit of latching onto an "easy" explanation of a mystery even if the explanation is just as difficult to verify than the actual UFO. A good example of this was the recent UFO sighting in Phoenix, Arizona on the night of April 21, 2008.

Witnesses said the lights formed a vertical line, then a diamond shape, followed by a u-shape. The lights reportedly moved from side to side and upward before disappearing one by one.

Phoenix resident Tony Toporkek was talking with his neighbors when the lights appeared at about 8 p.m. He grabbed his video camera and started taping. The lights were visible for about 13 minutes and a Phoenix police helicopter pilot also witnessed the lights.

Air traffic controllers in the main tower of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport saw the bizarre spectacle of red lights flying across North Valley skies, but the Federal Aviation Administration would not let them talk to the media. Ian Gregor, FAA regional spokesman, says the agency's policy forbids controllers to comment even if they want to relate their experience. Gregor confirmed that "several" air traffic controllers in the tower saw the staggered formation of mysterious lights moving in the sky, apparently over North Phoenix.

The Phoenix media quickly dubbed the sightings a hoax when a man, who did not want to be identified, came forward and said he had hoaxed the UFO sightings by attaching road flares with fishing line to helium-filled balloons. This could have been a verifiable answer to the sighting, except the man would not repeat his stunt for the local media, and subsequent attempts by others to launch road flares with balloons failed because the flares were too heavy to be carried aloft.

The results of these tests were never reported and the hoax explanation stuck.

To be fair, the study of UFO reports is fraught with problems for the media. In order to present a story fairly and accurately, a journalist must have concrete, verifiable evidence. As any responsible UFO researcher will tell you, solid evidence for the physical reality of UFOs has been hard to come by. Despite the thousands, maybe millions, of UFO sightings over the decades, the evidence that has been uncovered so far has been mostly anecdotal.

Perhaps the time will come when a courageous newspaper editor or national television news director will decide to take the time and effort to conduct a real, objective investigational report on UFOs. Until then, the press will continue to avoid their responsibility by bombarding the public with soft, silly stories about little green men from outer space and the strange people who always seem to encounter them.

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The Tunguska Disaster: 100 Years of Mystery and Facts Not Easy To Face

By most accounts the huge blast that flattened 500,000 acres of pine forest in what is known as the Tunguska (River) region of Central Siberia occurred on June 30, 1908. One hundred years later, we still do not know what caused it. Theories abound, but answers have been few. Ironically, the explanation that might make the most sense also is one least likely to be believed by anyone.

Despite years of searching for material from what was assumed to be a meteor impact, no convincing evidence has been found to support that assumption. Likewise, there are problems with the airburst theory which some say involved a meteorite, piece of a comet, unknown bit of extraterrestrial material or even an alien spacecraft. A lack of physical evidence to support these speculations makes it impossible to conclude that something exploded above the area and caused all the damage.

New opinions based on current scientific knowledge say that the blast was caused by a black hole passing through the earth or the explosion of an antimatter meteorite. The mini-black hole theory was first proposed in 1973, but was refuted after no anomalous air wave measurements were detected from the predicted exit point of the alleged black hole. The anti-matter meteorite explosion explanation arrived in 1965, but faded after radiocarbon levels in trees showed no sign of increase. Higher levels would have supported that theory.

Apart from what we don't know, let's look at what we do know. Some time after seven o'clock in the morning indigenous people of Central Siberia and Russian Settlers told authorities that they observed a very bright bluish light moving rapidly across the sky. Minutes later they described seeing a bright flash and hearing a very loud sound similar to artillery fire. A shockwave followed the sound and gave witnesses the impression that an earthquake occurred simultaneously.

Although there were no uniform measuring systems for earthquakes or tremors in those days, seismic stations across Asia and parts of Europe indicated readings which would have labeled the seismic activity as 5.0 on the Richter scale today. Atmospheric pressure fluctuations were detected in areas as far from Siberia as Great Britain. The skies over the Tunguska region glowed for weeks because there was so much dust from the blast suspended in the stratosphere.

A number of scientific experts visited the area, but none that we

know of arrived there until at least ten years after the blast due to the isolated location. When a Soviet expedition arrived there in 1927, they discovered evidence that something strange and unknown occurred. Apart from the fact that there was no impact crater from what everyone assumed was a meteorite strike, expedition members reported that there was an area of scorched trees that measured thirty miles wide. Near what was assumed to be the primary blast point, some trees were still standing.

The trees that survived the blast were scorched in a manner which indicated that the energy may have proceeded out from ground zero and gained momentum. However, the trees that didn't survive were flattened in directions that did not follow what would have been the expected path of the shockwave. That could mean that the energy proceeding from Tunguska's ground zero may have spread out in a circular manner instead of following the shockwave pattern.

Three later expeditions to Tunguska revealed more surprises. With absolutely no sign of any type of impact crater, aerial photos were taken. The photos revealed that trees had been flattened in a butterfly pattern. A number of children born to survivors of the Tunguska blast had birth defects consistent with mutations caused by exposure to radiation, especially those born to members of the Evenki Tribe of indigenous people. The mutations actually follow the path of the shockwave and are found in people, pine trees and animals.

Microscopic silicate and magnetite spheres were found in the soil leading some to believe that the explosion of a meteorite or other extraterrestrial object occurred above ground. However, others say that the spheres were formed by materials already present or from previous meteorite strikes believed to have occurred in the region. These spheres may have been created or further affected by whatever energy was released during the 1908 event.

Whatever occurred in June of 1908 released energy two thousand times greater than the force of the atomic bomb that exploded over Hiroshima. After careful consideration of all the possibilities, I believe that what occurred in 1908 involved a directed energy beam or weapon. Although I will be the fist to admit that there are problems with that theory as well, most of the problems come from the fact that we simply do not understand very much about the nature of such a beam or weapon. One person that had the knowledge, skill and technology to produce such a blast in 1908 was Nicola Tesla.

Tesla once worked for Thomas Edison, but the two became lifelong competitors and enemies after Tesla cast dispersions on Edison's expensive, cumbersome and overrated Direct Current power distribution system. Instead, Tesla pioneered what became our modern Alternating Current power system. Furious, Edison used his friends and press connections to paint Tesla as a Mad Scientist. The tag stuck and he was misunderstood and belittled for most of the rest of his life.

Time has proven that Nicola Tesla was a genius that came up with ideas that were far ahead of his time. He once said, "The present is theirs; the future, for which I really work, is mine." Before the invention of wireless transmissions or radio, Tesla

had already invented a wireless-controlled ship, submarine and torpedo. But it was his work with the wireless transmission of power that interests most people.

He had a vision of transmitting power like radio waves so that anyone in the world could have all they needed at no charge. First conceived as a kind of blanket plan simply transmitting power out everywhere, Tesla saw the need to direct it where it was needed. This, many believe, lead to his development of transmitted and directed energy beams and weapons. The most famous became his alleged Death Ray.

Nicola based his death ray on the development of a button lamp that he first invented in 1893 and his replication and improvement of work previous began by William Roentgen, discoverer of X-rays. Without going into a great deal of details, Tesla found a way to use the basic design of his button lamp to create a laser beam. He also saw the need and found a way to create and direct particle beam energy to specific points in order to maintain the power of such energy and focus the beams on specific targets.

Nicola gave us an idea of the potential use of his so-called Death Ray in a 1937 interview published in the New York Times. He said that his weapon "will send concentrated beams of particles through the free air, of such tremendous energy that they will bring down a fleet of 10,000 enemy airplanes at a distance of 250 miles from the defending nation's border and will cause armies of millions to drop dead in their tracks."

While it would be hard to prove that Tesla was responsible for the Tunguska Blast, there is some evidence to support the idea that someone may have used a directed energy weapon to cause the central Siberian explosion. After the French ship Iena blew up without explanation in 1907, some blamed Tesla claiming that his work on radio-controlled torpedoes or transmitted energy was responsible. These included Lee De Forest, inventor of the Audion vacuum tube.

By 1908, there were several inventors that claimed the ability to use energy weapons to destroy targets miles away. Tesla was the only one that may have possessed the knowledge and equipment to actually cause such a devastating blast so far away. He may have chosen the area for its remoteness, limited population and distance to test the strength of his equipment.

The real question is if such technologies exist, why play around with atomic and nuclear bombs, chemical weapons and computer viruses. The answer may be that the idea died with its father. Although others may have had some limited success with directed energy weapons, Tesla probably understood them better than anyone else and held the key to make them work on a global scale. When the U.S. Government seemed disinterested in his ideas, he packed them up forever in his mind.

It's important to understand that between World War One and Two, companies owned or established by Edison did a lot of development work for the U.S. Government. Part of this work involved the important new technology of radar. Although Edison died in 1931, the companies established by him continued to justify his reputation of producing technologies that could be developed and deployed in a reasonable amount of time to desired specifications.

Despite his genius, Tesla's inventions always seemed to be a work in progress that constantly underwent changes and improvements. It's possible the government feared that involvement with Tesla on a project like the death ray would mean a never-ending series of delays, passed target dates and dead ends. The possibility that what he was working on could morph into something completely different, undesirable and over-budget was also something that may have concerned them.

If blaming Tesla for the 1908 Tunguska blast is a tough pill to swallow, try considering the theory that intelligent beings from the outer space or the future may have been responsible. If we have learned anything about the Tunguska event during the past one hundred years, it's that contemporary technologies, theories and explanations just do not fit. As Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stated through his fictional character, Sherlock Holmes, "…when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth…"

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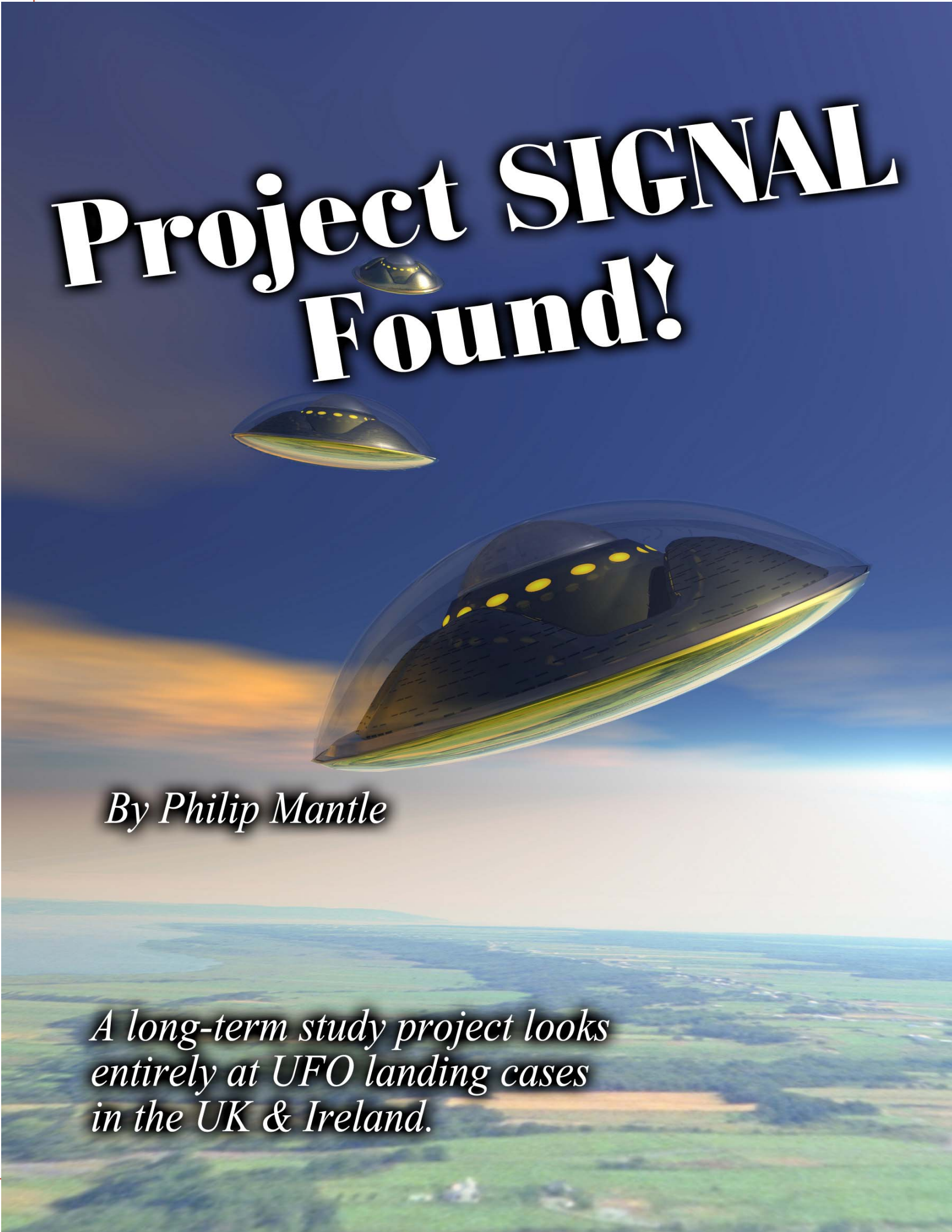
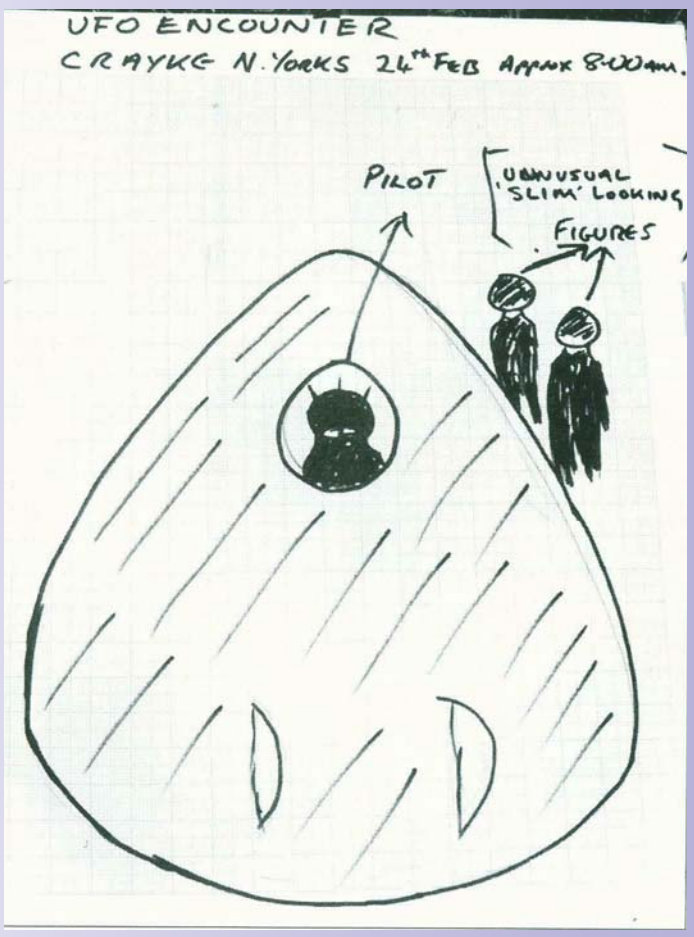


By Philip Mantle

A long-term study project looks entirely at UFO landing cases in the UK & Ireland.

Project SIGNAL FOUND is collaboration between Philip Mantle and the former Director of Investigations for the British UFO Research Association, and Nick Pope, the man who investigated UFOs for the British Ministry of Defence. This long-term study project looks entirely at UFO landing cases in the UK & Ireland. The idea behind it is simple. Most UFO researchers argue that the vast majority of UFO sightings can be explained in conventional terms. It is the contention of this project that UFO landings should be more difficult to misidentify than 'ordinary' UFO sightings. Philip Mantle will lead the project with Nick Pope acting in a consultancy capacity offering advice and assistance. Nick Pope had the following to say about this new venture: "I support Philip Mantle in this new initiative. Information overload is a big problem in UFO research. There are tens of thousands of cases and sometimes you can't see the wood for the trees. This project should help researchers focus on those cases most likely to involve physical evidence that might help take forward our understanding of the UFO mystery".



Phil Shepherdson's drawing of the UFO and entities.
Courtesy York Evening Press

For example it is assumed that UFO landing reports are made by witnesses at close range, thus reducing the risk of misidentification. In the UK & Ireland there are no statistics anywhere of exactly how many alleged UFO landing reports have been made. There is therefore no information on the geographical location of such reports, no information on whether entities of any type were also reported or any physical marks left behind in the environment. I'm sure we are all aware of a certain few UFO landing cases in the UK but there is no repository where all such reports can be accessed, even in brief detail. This is where PROJECT SIGNAL FOUND begins.

It is our hope an intention to liase with UFO researchers and organisations throughout the UK & Ireland and of course witnesses themselves to bring together a database of information on UFO landing reports. Brief details would be updated on a web site as we progress (not yet available) and of course the occasional publication of some of this research in the various UFO publications that are currently available. We firmly believe that this is an area of research that has been sadly neglected down the years and we hope that individual UFO researchers and organisations alike will recognise the importance of such a study and cooperate accordingly. Similarly we hope that witnesses to these events will also offer their cooperation.

Just to give you an idea of the type of UFO landings cases we are looking at I am going to feature a few in brief for you now. See how many of these you are familiar with. They come from around the UK and Ireland and are featured here in brief in no particular order.

February 1979: Easingwold, North Yorkshire, England. Ref 1

It was a cold February morning in 1979. Phil Shepherdson was riding his motorcycle along the winding country lanes near Easingwold when he came across something that was to change his life forever. Hovering in the corner of a field was a black triangular-shaped object. There appeared to be one entity in a type of 'cockpit' with two other entities standing in the field next to it. All three entities turned to stare at Mr Shepherdson and he believed some kind of 'contact' was made. The craft then suddenly flew off with no sign of the entities remaining. Shepherdson stated that "I turned to look in a field to my left and what I saw just blew my mind. There was a black triangular-shaped object in the field in total silence. At the top of this object was a cockpit of some kind and there was a figure inside it. All I could see was a black-shaped helmet and some sort of black overall. The entity began to turn and look in my direction, I

Phil Shepherdson at the scene of his close encounter.
Courtesy York Evening Press

was transfixed. At the side of this craft were two figures, which appeared also to stop what they were doing and look in my direction. For several moments I was just spellbound, I was shaking. There was complete silence as we looked at each other. I certainly had some form of contact; I just don't know what it was. I just had an intense feeling of some connection. I could not move and I could not think. I was rooted to the spot. Suddenly my mind did not accept it anymore and I got on my bike and took off to work". He went on: "I forgot about it almost as if I was told that it was something I should not be witnessing."

Philip Shepherdson
Courtesy York Evening Press

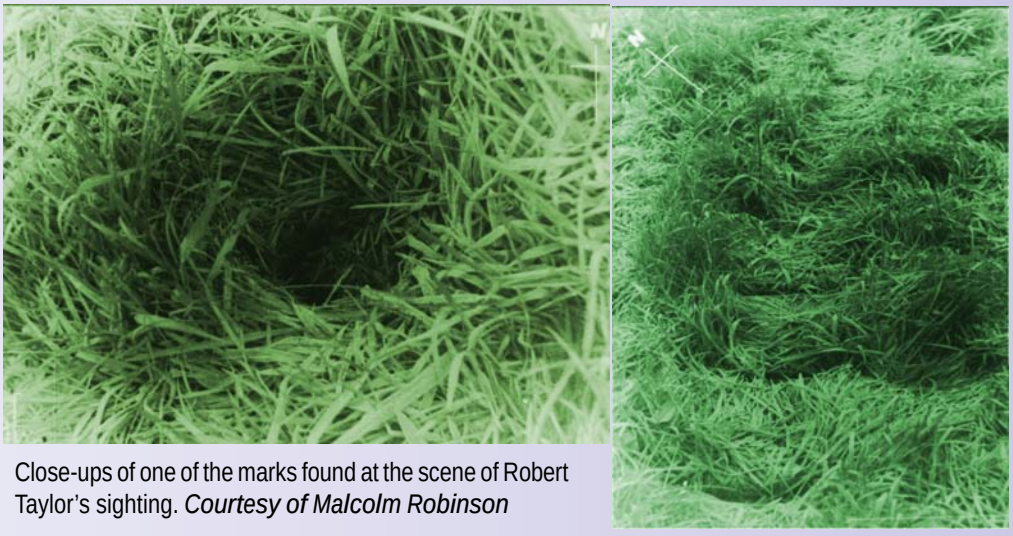
At the time Mt Shepherdson worked as a chemical technician at Rowntrees. He cannot remember what time he got to work that day although he knew it was later than usual." I don't know how long I was there. I have no idea". He did not tell his work colleagues or anyone else of his encounter. He blanked it out of his mind. Shepherdson claims that since that event nothing has grown in the field where the object was observed. His final comments on what he may have observed: "Not in a million years was that an aircraft."

8th February 1985.
Pwllheli, North Wales.
Ref 2

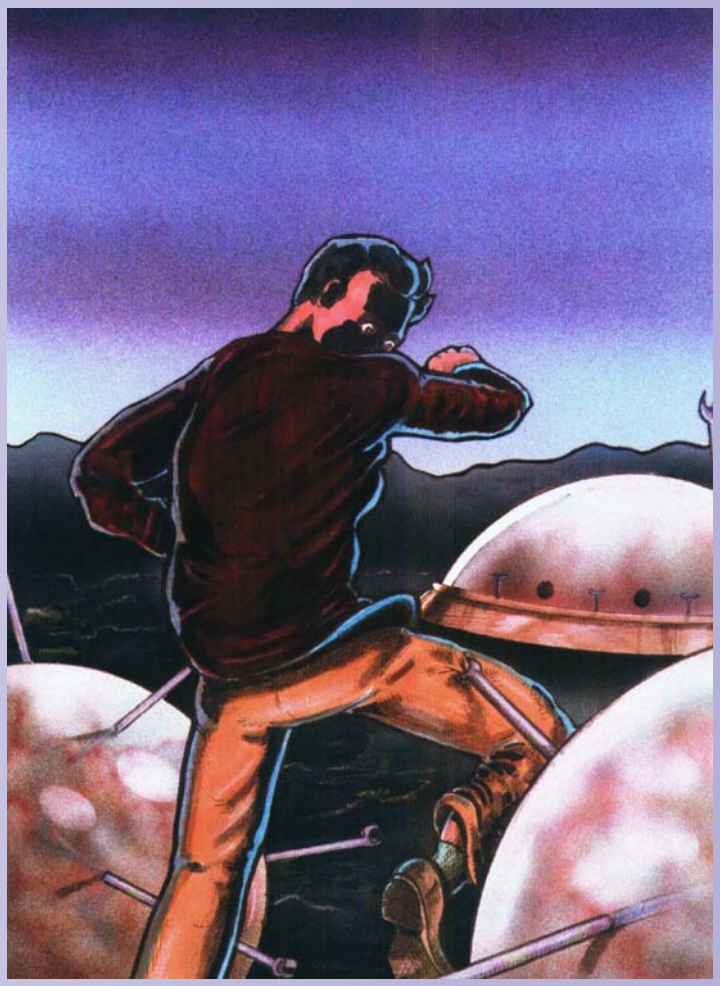
David Thomas was walking home that night. It was four and a half miles and it was three in the morning. There was a sprinkling of snow on the ground that evening and the 19 year-old David had just spent the evening with friends. He'd been walking for about 20 minutes when he thought he could still hear that nights rock music pounding in his head. He stood still for a while but there was no sound, it was an eerie silence. There was no sound of the breeze, no rustle of the grass, no sound at all. But David then could make out a faint humming sound almost like an electric generator of some sort. David knew this area well and knew there were no generators anywhere that would make such a noise.

David followed to where the sound seemed to coming from up ahead. Leaving the road he walked up a small dirt track that bordered the field. There in the field to his amazement was an object the like which he had never seen before. A domed disc-shaped object complete with antennae and stabilizers was sitting in the field. It had drawbridge-like hatchway and windows along the top. There was no obvious lighting but David said that the object seemed to have a dull fluorescent glow to it.

David's attention was caught by movement off to one side. Turning his head he saw a group of humanoid figures making there way towards him across the field. His immediate reaction was to turn and flee. Turning around to get out of their David's way was blocked by one of these humanoid figures. David



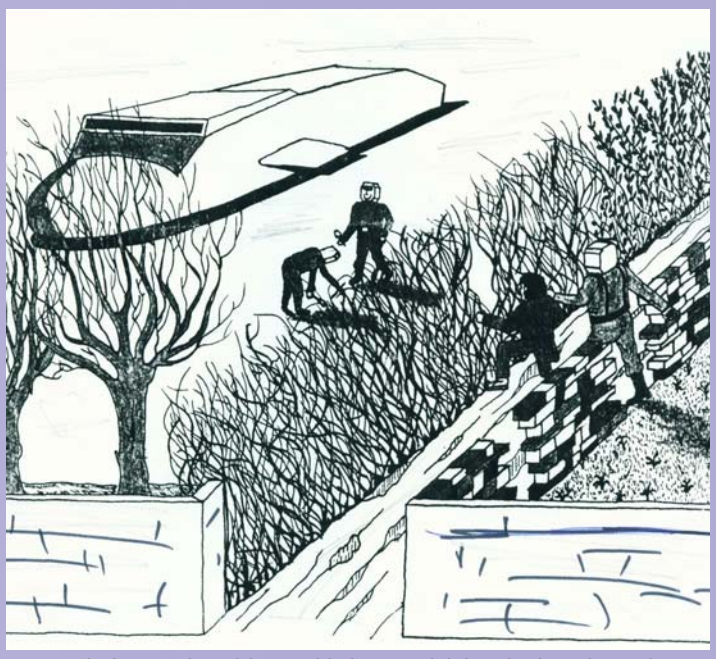
Close-ups of one of the marks found at the scene of Robert Taylor's sighting. *Courtesy of Malcolm Robinson*



Artist impression of the Livingston encounter (Rick Jones)

felt a hand-like grip on his arm and suddenly he was being propelled forward towards the object in the field. His feet never seemed to touch the ground and he is not sure how this happened but he was now inside the object. The humanoids were there and David described them as wearing octagonal shaped helmets, which were featureless apart from two dim lights positioned where their eyes should have been. They wore grey clothing with gold-coloured belts and straps that looked similar to braces, black knee boots and gloves.

There is a lot more to this particular encounter as David later described a full-blown abduction event. When interviewed by UFO researchers David was able to remember everything without the use of any form of regressive hypnosis. When interviewed by myself it was quite clear that the event did have quite a profound effect on him and many years after the events is still terrified him.



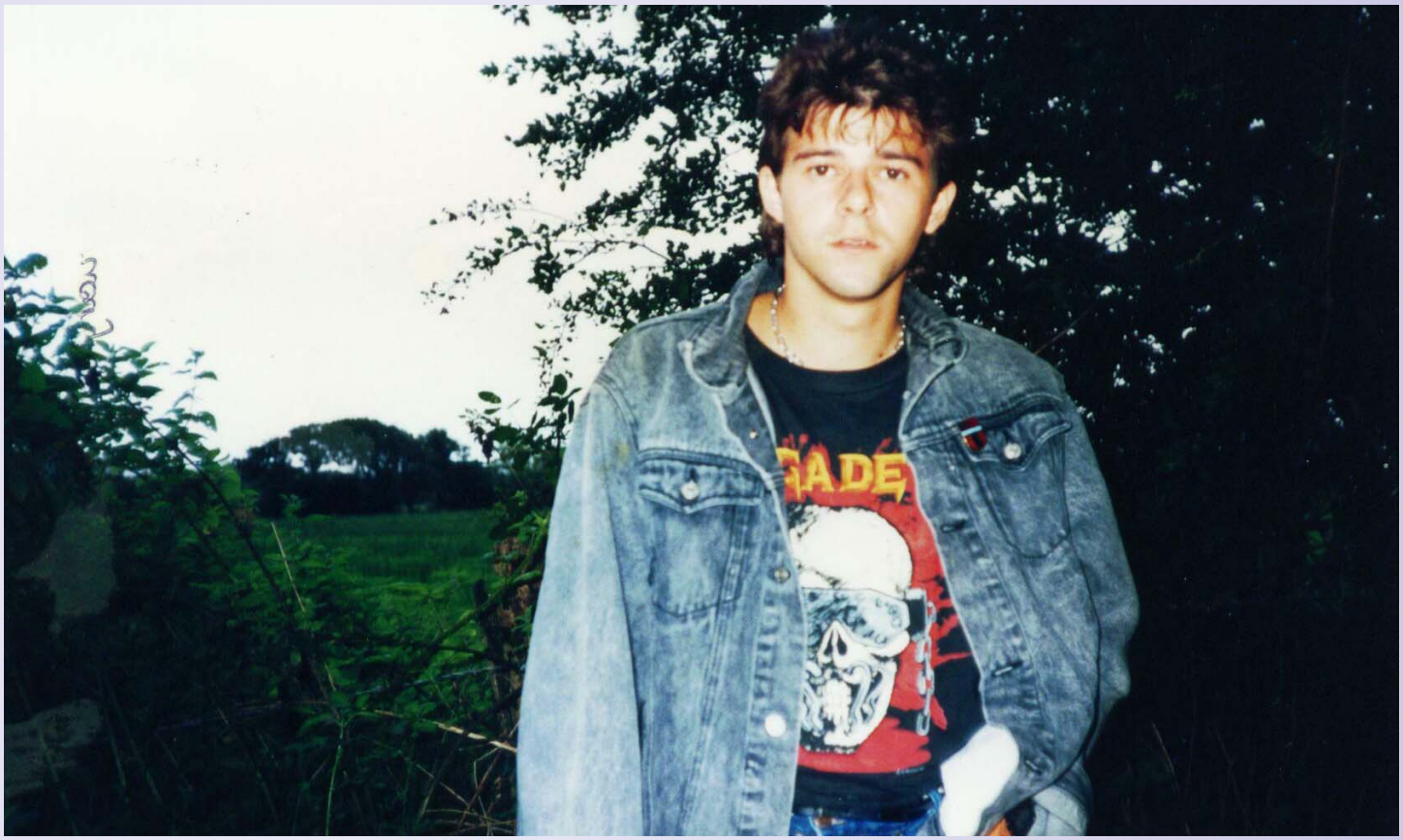
Artist impression of the David Thomas sighting. (Artist unknown)

9th November 1979.
Livingston, Scotland.
Ref 3

Forestry worker Robert Taylor set off that morning into Dechmont Woods near Livingston pretty much like he had every other morning. He drove his truck into the woods with his faithful pet dog beside him for company. He had set off that morning just after 10 a.m. knowing that he'd have to park his truck and make the last part of his journey on foot. At around 10.15 a.m. he parked the truck by the side of the road and, accompanied by his dog, set off through the woodland along a track that was impassable to any vehicle. Robert Taylor had worked for the forestry department for 16 years and the 61 year-old knew every inch of Dechmont woods.

Robert was making his way into a small clearing in the wood but as he rounded the bend he was totally unprepared for what was about to confront him. In the clearing stood a domed-shaped object some 30 feet high. It was grey in colour, perfectly silent and it stopped Robert dead in his tracks. Robert described a type of 'flange' around the bottom of this object with antennae-like protrusions with small rotors on top. Transfixed by this incredible sight Robert also noticed several 'porthole' type apertures in the top section of the dome.

It was while looking these portholes that the 'sea mines' appeared. That was how Robert described them. Two spherical objects with spiky protrusions suddenly came rolling over the ground towards him. They had six or more of these spikes and looked about 3 feet in diameter. These strange



David Thomas photographed at the scene of his encounter. Copyright Philip Mantle

objects made a sucking or popping sound as each of the spikes touched the ground. Within seconds Roberts had one of these objects at either side of him. He felt a strong tug on his trousers and these spheres seemed to by trying to pull him towards the main object. Robert tried to resist and there was a pungent smell in air. It was no surprise that Robert lost consciousness. He vaguely remembered a 'whooshing' sound and his dog was barking like mad.

Staggering back to his feet the object had now gone. Robert somehow managed to stagger home and report to his wife that he had been attacked. Quite naturally his wife Mary telephoned the local police. In the days, weeks and months that went by the police did a full investigation of the incident. Marks on the ground were found at the location and eventually the official report by the Livingston Criminal Investigation Department concluded:

Despite extensive inquiries made, no information was been gained which could indicate what, in fact, made the marks on the ground at the location. Mr. Taylor is a respected member of the community and is described as a conscientious and trustworthy person, not likely to invent a story.

In short, the police investigation believed what Mr. Taylor had to say but could not find and thing to explain the incident away. This is one of the few UFO sightings in the UK to be officially investigated. The site of the encounter is now marked by a commemorative plaque, which was the result of collaboration between Scottish UFO researchers and the Livingston Development Corporation.

Summer 1988.
Wicklow, Ireland.
Ref 4

Peter Simmons lived just to the north of Dublin. He and a friend plus their respective wives and children went to spend a long weekend in Glenmalur Valley, a heavily wooded area of County Wicklow. Soon after arriving the entire group of adults and children decided to go for a walk. It was late evening but still bright, and it was their intention to get some fresh air and stretch their legs. With the children in front the party walked along chatting when suddenly they noticed a small figure, wearing what looked like overalls, busily tinkering with things at the top of a telephone pole. The group thought this odd and walking past they realised that if this was a telephone engineer at work then where was his van ? There were no houses or entrances nearby where such a van could

be parked out of sight. They turned to look back at the figure but it had disappeared.

The group returned to where they were staying and mulled over the evenings events. Thy all decided to forget about it and instead set about planning what they were going to do for the rest of their stay. All that is except Peter Simmons. Peter didn't like unresolved problems and this event had bothered him. There must have been a vehicle of some sort nearby and he wanted to prove it. With everyone else preparing for bed Peter told his wife that he was going outside for a smoke. Once outside he quickly walked back down the road to where they had seen the figure up the telephone pole. Passing a gate Peter looked into the field. There were lights in the distance. Surely lights from houses or caravans. Then he noticed another light, this time a lot closer, and then several more, in various colours, clustered together in one small area.

Robert Taylor

Peter zipped up his jackets against the cold, climbed over the gate and walked towards these lights. He soon realised that they were much closer than he had anticipated. Upon approaching the lights it soon became apparent that they were not attached to a house or a caravan. There in the field was a saucer-shaped object resting on four legs. Peter was scared. Lights began to flashing all over the noiseless object. Simon's legs had turned to jelly but instinct took over. It was time to get out of there. He quite simply turned and fled and ran as fast as his legs would carry him.

Peter Simmons had never been terrified before in his life. He got very little sleep that night, and when he finally plucked up courage to tell his wife she laughed at him at first. She believed him later but still felt a degree of embarassment about it all.

These are just a few examples of UFO landing reports from the UK and Ireland. The accounts themselves are fascinating and compelling but so is the reaction of the witnesses involved. Phil Shepherdson for example simply gets on his motorbike and goes to work. He says nothing to no one. David Thomas was quite literally terrified. When he reached home he immediately told his mother what had happened. Robert Taylor's wife telephoned the police, who in turn conducted a full investigation, and Peter Simmons told his wife.

There is little doubt that there are many more examples of UFO landing reports in the UK & Ireland that have yet to see the light of day. Such reports could be languishing in the dusty files of UFO researchers or UFO research organisations, and others may have simply gone unreported by the witnesses themselves. Whatever the case Project Signal Found would like your cooperation.

If you have investigated or researched an alleged UFO landing report from anywhere in the UK & Ireland then we would like to hear from you. Similarly if you have witnesses such an event we would like you to get in touch. Confidentiality is guaranteed in all instances. We can be contacted at the following:

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Did Howard Hughes View a Captured UFO and It's Occupants?

by Bill Knell

Did Howard Hughes ever get a chance to view a captured or crashed UFO and its occupants? I have long pondered this question and there may now be an answer to it. According to a former employee of Hughes Aircraft, he did. The visit allegedly occurred not long after the crash of an alien spacecraft near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. You may think this story belongs in the BELIEVE OR NOT file and you may be right, but I feel compelled to pass it on to you anyway.

After a recent radio show guest spot, I received an email from a person that claimed to be the daughter of a former Hughes Aircraft employee. Having grown up on Long Island where many government contactors are located, I am somewhat familiar with that part of the aircraft industry and have known many people that have worked on various U.S. Government contracts over the years. That helped me to make the decision to write this article and tell this story.

Linda is a retired teacher. She taught in public and private schools for over thirty years and has emailed me an impressive array of diplomas and certifications. She also emailed a few photos and some paperwork that verifies the fact that her father probably worked for Howard Hughes. Because she asked for anonymity, I cannot say much more about her or divulge where she currently lives at this time. I have encouraged her to come forward at some point and tell her own story in her own words.

Linda says that her father was involved with Hughes Aircraft as early as 1942, but the timeframe that concerns this story is the year 1947. It was during the summer of that year that Howard Hughes was obsessed with getting his oversized wooden seaplane nicknamed the "Spruce Goose" ready for a test flight. Officially known as the H-4 Hercules, the aircraft flew only once on November 2, 1947. The amount of time and work that went into getting the Hercules ready for that flight was unbelievable.

Her father worked closely with Hughes during the Hercules project and later became a full-time employee of Hughes Aircraft. The two men met after he was referred to Hughes by a mutual acquaintance just after the USA declared war on the Axis powers and entered World War II. Linda told me that Hughes used as her dad as a "problem solver." He had a knack for being able to look at most any mechanical problem and quickly suggest a practical solution. He also had the kind of temperament that allowed him to work with the eccentric billionaire.

Hughes was besieged with a number of problems during the summer of 1947 including a U.S. Senate inquiry into the way he had managed funds for the Hercules and XF-11 Photoreconnaissance Aircraft projects. Linda says that shortly after he testified at the Senate hearings, Howard Hughes returned to oversee work on the Hercules and spoke to her father about his possible involvement in an important government project.

"My father and I frequently spoke on the phone during the early 1970s," Linda told me. "We were very close and often bounced ideas off of one another. I do not recall the exact

date, but I phoned to ask dad some questions about one thing or another and the subject of Howard Hughes came up. Howard's face was constantly on the cover of most of the supermarket tabloids during that time and we began talking about the National Enquirer and how they kept hounding him (Howard Hughes)."

Linda's father scolded her for wasting her money on the National Enquirer, but she said that her mother also purchased the tabloid. "My mother thought it was amusing that the bogus stories about Howard almost always appeared on the same page as their standing reward for proof that UFOs and Aliens existed," Linda continued. "Dad told me that Howard Hughes could have claimed that reward if he needed the money and laughed about the fact that he didn't. When I asked him what he meant by that, he told me the story."

According to Linda, Howard Hughes and her father were not friends and her dad would probably not be considered a part of Hughes' inner circle if such a thing existed. However, he did spend a lot of time with Hughes during the Hercules project and the two had a casual working relationship as long as her father delivered the goods. She told me that her dad said he was busy brainstorming with some engineers when Hughes summoned him into an empty office. Hughes had a kind of inquisitively stern look on his face and that usually meant that he wanted some advice on how to solve a problem or was about to start a new project.

Howard stepped away from the door to the office, but didn't close it. There was enough noise outside of the office so that no one could hear their conversation anyway. Howard sat down on a stool near the window. Linda's father stepped over to where he was sitting and listened intently. Hughes hated repeating himself and despised people that were not good listeners. Hughes told her dad that he had been contacted by a "high ranking member of the United States Armed Forces" while he was in Washington, D.C.

The billionaire was used to receiving unusual requests from the military. He was known as someone that could keep a secret and solve complicated problems. According to Linda's father, this one might have been the mother of all the most secret and complicated situations that the government ever faced. Hughes said that he visited a military base on the way back from the congressional hearings. He didn't mention where it was located and provided few details about what happened there.

Linda's father said that Hughes seemed uncomfortable talking about his visit to the base. He hated situations that he couldn't personally control and seemed to indicate that the entire event was orchestrated and controlled by the military. With the exception of Hughes, no civilians were present. Howard said that they showed him a new type of aircraft. Most of it was in pieces and it was obvious that the thing had crashed or been shot down. Hughes assumed it might have been something that the Russians cooked up.

It wasn't until Hughes got closer to the material that he noticed it was anything but conventional. He didn't pick up or touch any of it, but told Linda's father that it looked like "the

Aerial view of "Hercules" seaplane built by Howard Hughes during the closing months of World War II. Designed to carry large loads safe from German U-boats, advances in anti-submarine warfare made the plane obsolete before it was completed. It was flown by Hughes once, for about a mile, in 1947.

damnedest stuff I've ever seen." The military officers present told him that despite the fact that it was in pieces, the material was extremely resistant to heat, cold and pressure. They also said that it was almost impossible to penetrate, yet it might have been an implosion that caused the crash. Howard never said if it had any writing on it and provided no further details about the material or the aircraft.

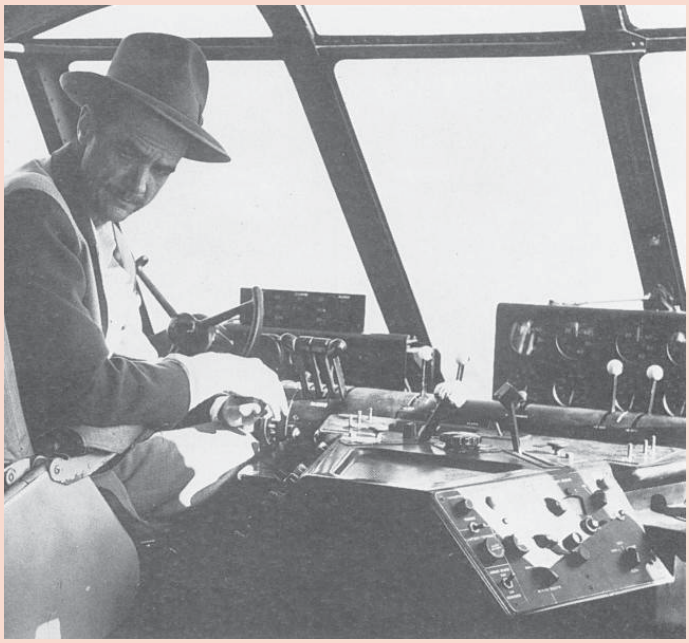
Hughes told Linda's father that the dead bodies of the crew members from the aircraft had also been recovered by the military and were mostly intact. He said they allowed him to view the bodies and described them as looking like "dwarves" or "deformed midgets" wearing seamless flight suits. He added no details about where or how they were being kept. Instead, he got right to the point. "They want me to figure this thing out and I want you on board," Hughes explained. That was the end of their meeting.

A few weeks later Hughes took Linda's father aside again and told him to forget about their previous conversation in the office. He gave her dad the impression that there were too many hassles and not enough money for him to get involved with that project. Her father felt it was more plausible to believe that Hughes wouldn't have been able to run the show and didn't want to get involved with something he couldn't fully direct. Or, perhaps he knew or had learned something more about the project that turned him off to it.

It wasn't until many years after their conversation in that office that Linda's father came to realize that Hughes might have been talking about a crashed UFO and, specifically, one that probably crashed or was shot down during the summer of 1947. Her dad had never shown any type of interest in UFOs or Aliens. Linda believed he might have come across the information about one of the UFO crashes from the tabloids that his wife read. The timing would have been correct because I saved issues of the National Enquirer and other supermarket tabloids during the 1970s and recall articles about alien and military encounters and UFO crashes.

I asked Linda if her dad might have been kidding her about the Hughes incident. "Oh, no," she said, "Dad never told tale tales. He had enough true stories about Hughes and other important people he met throughout the years… He didn't need to make up stories… I am certain he was telling me the truth." I also asked Linda how many times they discussed that story after he first told it to her. She replied, "Not more than a couple of times… He wasn't interested in UFOs… He told me the story on a whim because he thought it might give me a chuckle or two… Dad had nothing to add to the story and I believe that's why we never discussed it much."

Unfortunately, her father passed away a few years ago. I doubt he realized the impact that the story had on his daughter. Before she heard it, Linda barely gave the subject of UFOs a second thought. Afterward, she slowly became fascinated with the subject and told me, "My father told me that what Howard said he saw sounded a lot like what the tabloids were describing as crashed alien spaceships… and the bodies that he viewed fit the descriptions of aliens… I do not believe everything that politicians tell me, but I never saw a reason to disbelieve what they were saying about UFOs. What would they have to gain by lying about them? It wasn't until my father told me the story about Howard and the material that I began to doubt their denials…"



Linda said that she started reading UFO articles published in some of the mainstream newspapers and magazines. Those tidbits awakened a casual interest in learning more about the subject. However, after retired Colonel Jesse Marcel came forward to expose the Roswell UFO cover up, she went out of her way to learn as much as she could about UFO crashes and military encounters. "I purchased a used copy of a book by Donald Keyhoe and read it cover to cover," Linda told me. "That book opened my eyes… I now believe there is much more to the subject than what we're being told."

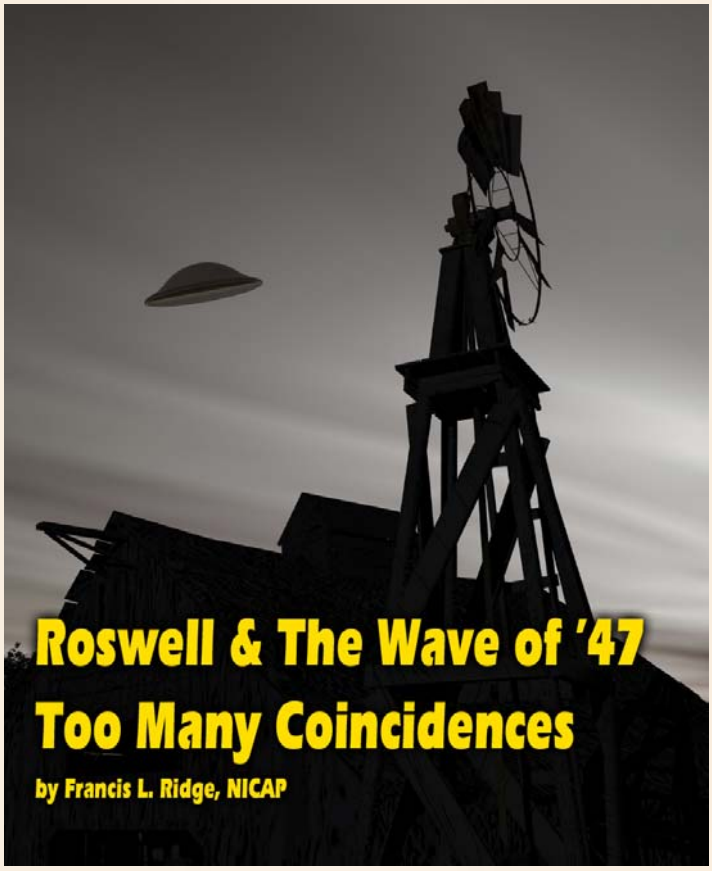
I asked Linda why she waited so long to tell the story she heard from her father about Howard Hughes and the strange aircraft. "I am a very private person… I believe in doing all I can to promote education and to encourage students to stay in school. I want them to go as far as they can in life… I do not want to become the poster child for government conspiracies… You seem legitimately interested in discovering the truth about UFOs and Aliens. I believe that if people have a chance to learn about the story that my father told to me, they might feel compelled to come forward and share their own experiences and information with you."

I have a million more questions for Linda, but it is obvious that her father was given little more than a thumbnail sketch about Howard Hughes experience with a strange object and its occupants. He was only able to tell her what Hughes had told him. Not the best scenario, so I cannot say for sure that this story involves a crashed UFO and it's occupants. I can say that I believe Linda's dad heard a story about a strange aircraft and unusually tiny crewmembers from Howard Hughes and that he told it to his daughter just the way he heard it, straight from the horse's mouth.

I have been researching Linda's story for about a week. I have spoken with her over the phone on several occasions. With her permission, I recorded the calls and subjected them to a voice stress analysis using an inexpensive testing unit I purchased a few years ago. If accurate, the results indicate that she was not being deceptive during our conversation. As a experienced UFO researcher, I was pleased that she cooperated with various requests I had for more information. That is almost always a good sign.

Linda has emailed enough documentation to make me believe that she is who she claims to be and that her father was employed at Hughes Aircraft. The materials she provided indicate that he probably worked for Howard Hughes on specific projects as a consultant before he became a full time employee. Because Hughes never told him that he actually saw an alien spacecraft or referred to the dead crewmembers as aliens, we have to fill in the blanks with some careful speculation.

If Linda's story does anything, it proves that people out there are sitting on important information about UFOs because they still fear the repercussions that can result from coming forward to share it. The blame for that may be placed on the doorstep of a news media that seems incapable of covering anything deeper that where politicians attend church or how old they are. They ignore real news and issues in favor of serve serving statements from government flunkies bent on forwarding an increasingly outdated agenda.



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Something very important happened in July of 1947, something that will ultimately be life-altering. It was an event that was covered up so well that not even seasoned UFOlogists touched it until the 1970's, a quarter of a decade later. It was 1980 before the first book about the events at Roswell was written. The cover-up worked.

If Jesse Marcel, Sr. hadn't told nuclear physicist/UFO researcher Stanton Friedman about Roswell in 1978, we may never have heard about it. Whoever was responsible for the cover-up had done a remarkable job. Now, with over 600 first and second-hand witnesses on record, the story of what really happened that summer in 1947 has become much clearer. In six weeks time there were as many UFO sightings reported to the news media as there were reports to the U. S. Air Force Project Blue Book for the entire year of 1952!

I have two reasons for writing this paper about Roswell (which occurred in 1947) and the "Estimate of the Situation" produced a year later (in 1948).

1) Looking at the revised data and placing this in the historical context, I think I might have discovered some answers and/or some head-scratching coincidences.

2) I wanted to condense the Roswell enigma into something short but informative, dealing with the most impressive evidence, adding my pet theories for-the-record. This is for my friends and colleagues, and family. I confess that I used the latest information from the affidavit (Ref. 7 & 8) of Lt. Walter Haut to construct this scenario, and that a lot of the other depositions that are no doubt very relevant, but would have made a short report impossible, I left out. The argument about dates and times is not important, at least here, because I'm convinced these events happened. Besides, there were things going on simultaneously at a number of locations. Here is what I think is important and what I want researchers and others to take note of.

Evidence shows that the UFO story began long before World War II, but most are familiar with the stories of objects or lights seen by pilots during the war, called "foo-fighters", etc. Compared to more recent history, this wasn't as interesting. Most of the books we have read paid only cursory attention to those sorts of things. It was the enigmatic "flying saucers" that got our interest, and those suddenly sprang upon us in the summer of 1947, the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting of June 24th being one of the highlights. But the real surprise, was the evidence put forth in the recent book, "Strange Company" (2007), by Keith Chester. (Ref 1.) This book lists about 150 more incidents than even I knew about, some of them close encounters, during WWII. Keith stated in the introduction that the book "presents one of the greatest wartime mysteries, one that has been shrouded in ignorance for more than sixty years. And it suggests that while an immense twentieth century war was raging on Earth, there appeared to be someone, or something, from somewhere else, watching us." This book provided more pieces to the puzzle which has been on my mind for decades.

Planet Earth had just experienced two devastating World Wars. WW II had lasted six long years and ended on September 2, 1945. Sixty million people died in that war, making it the deadliest conflict in human history. Sadly, nearly 2/3rds of those killed were civilians. In August of 1945 the United States used the only atomic bomb group in the world, the 509th (which by November was based at Roswell, New Mexico. See previous UFO connection at Tinian Island) to deliver two atomic bombs to Japanese targets, killing 140,000 people at Hiroshima and 74,000 at Nagasaki. As soon as the war ended we continued to develop and test bigger bombs and better delivery systems. Soon, atomic warheads could be carried to targets by ballistic missiles. Those missiles were being tested in New Mexico. History has repeatedly shown that when Earth people make things, they use them. To make things even scarier, we already HAD used nuclear weapons

twice, and on civilians! And for the record, we have tested over 2,000 nuclear weapons since then, some in space!

The preface of one of the most recently released books, "Witness to Roswell" (Ref. 2) by Thomas Carey and Donald Schmitt (2007), describes New Mexico very well: "The state of New Mexico in 1947 was the most sensitive and highly guarded area in our country, if not the entire world. Not only was there ongoing atomic research at Los Alamos where the first atomic bomb was developed, but there was also the testing of captured German V-2 rockets taking place just to the south at White Sands near Alamogordo. Not far from Alamogordo was also Trinity Site, where the world's first atomic bomb was detonated. And at Roswell itself was the headquarters of the 509th Bomb Group, the only atomic strike force in the world at the time. It was the 509th that just two years before had dropped the two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end World War II. Little did they know that they would also become involved in one of the most significant, most historic events of all time—the crash of an unknown object."

By 1947 the night-marish events of WWII were still in the minds of many. I don't know what triggered it, but suddenly and without precedent, a massive wave of sightings of objects described as "flying discs", hit the United States. It is now sixty years later and no satisfactory explanation has been forthcoming. Beginning in June, newspapers across the country carried accounts describing the arrival of flying saucers. Witnesses throughout the country would describe flying "discs" and other assorted, metallic flying objects that defied conventional explanation. Ted Bloecher in his book, "The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947" (Ref. 3), describes newspaper accounts of military pilots being placed on 24-hour alert, and radar operators on 24-hour standby, all looking skyward and hoping that whatever was invading our airspace was not a new threat to our national security that might lead to another war. In most of these (over 1500 incidents) the objects were described as round or disc-shaped. In fact, half of them occurred in broad daylight! For more than a week, sightings were made in continuously increasing numbers.

On the late evening of July 3, 1947, a severe lightning storm raked central New Mexico. During the height of the storm, local ranchers (10-12 miles apart) would later describe hearing a loud explosion that did not sound like the other thunderclaps. Records now show that within hours, UFO sightings began to increase all over the United States. Based on what was going on and the apparent intensity of it all, "somebody" else might have thought we had actually shot down one of their craft.

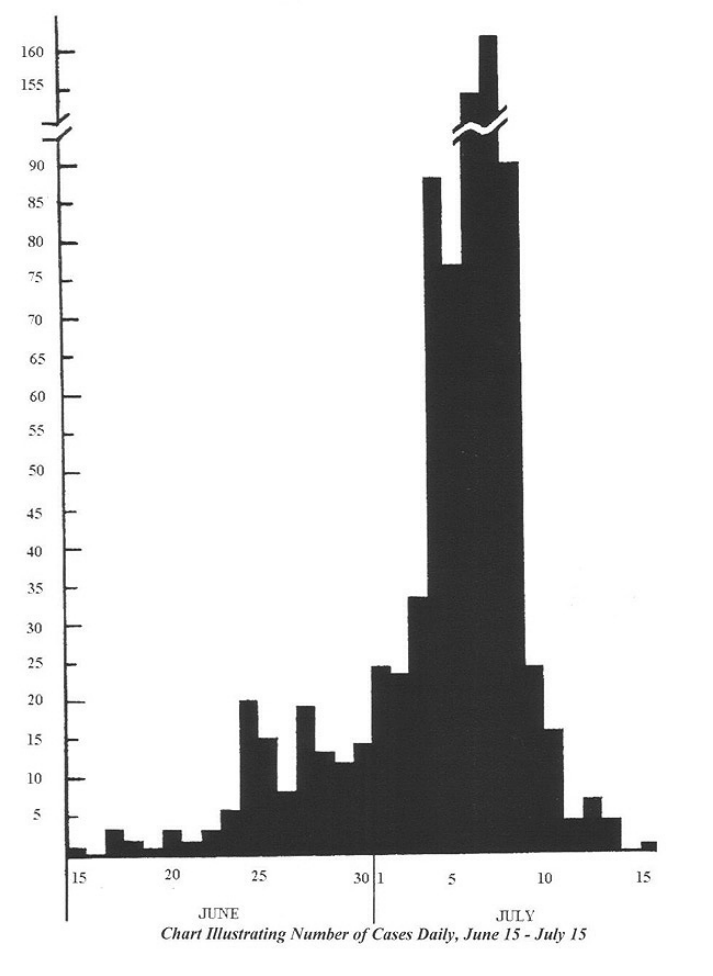


Chart 05-6

On July 4th the reports rose sharply and spontaneously, and for five days there was scarcely any part of the United States that had not been visited by these strangely elusive aerial objects. Reports came from many points in Canada as well. The number of sightings crested on July 7th (carefully note that date), and during the next few days reports began to diminish until, about a week later, only a handful were being made from scattered sections of the country. Although the objects themselves had all but vanished, interest and speculation about them continued for some time after.

One thing I noticed almost immediately: Sightings had peaked IN NEW MEXICO during that wave on June 27 and 28th, indicating a frenzy of activity days BEFORE the crash. The sudden increase in NATIONAL sightings occurred right after the crash. I had considered the thought that the 27th-28th peak was the result of the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting

near Mt. Ranier, Washington, and the press reports from all over the country days later. But this peak was definitely concentrated in New Mexico! Keep in mind that these are civilian reports from newspaper files. There are no military records to tell us what the military was experiencing, but surely there were such incidents in New Mexico. Looking at those charts one cannot help but note a very suspicious LACK of incidents reported from July 3-8 coming from New Mexico, PERIOD. We know that, according to Air Force admission during the 1994 General Accounting Office investigation, that many records were reported as destroyed along with other documents.

> Note this item is on the very first page of the GAO report. (Numbers of paragraphs are as in the actual report)."
> (2) although some of the records concerning Roswell activities had been destroyed, there was no information available regarding when or under what authority the records were destroyed;"GAO Report continued:
> (3) only two government records originating in 1947 have been recovered regarding the Roswell incident;
> (4) a 1947 Federal Bureau of Investigations record revealed that the military had reported that an object resembling a high altitude weather balloon with a radar reflector had been recovered near Roswell; and
> (5) a 1947 Air Force report noted the recovery of a flying disc that was later determined by military officials to be a radar tracking balloon

Item (4) is the July 8 FBI telex saying Major Kirton, the intelligence officer at Fort Worth (name spelled incorrectly by the FBI as Curtan) reported the Roswell object was a weather balloon with a hexagonal radar reflector, but also said that "telephonic conversation between their office and Wright Field (Dayton, Ohio) had not borne out this belief. Disc and balloon being transported to Wright Field by special plane for examination". According to newspaper accounts, General Ramey said the flight had been canceled. If the Roswell object WAS a balloon, this makes sense. Why send an obvious balloon all the way to T-3 at Dayton? But here, the July 8 document confirms there WAS a flight. And the balloon explanation didn't agree with the facts known by the FBI at that time.

I asked the reader to note the date, of July 7th, in regard to "the number of sightings crested on July 7th, and during the next few days reports began to diminish until, about a week later, only a handful were being made from scattered sections of the country." The sightings were dying down BEFORE General Ramey put out the balloon explanation on July 8th, ridiculing those who had mistaken a balloon for a flying saucer!!! The wave of 1947 didn't die because of the embarrassment at Roswell. Whatever the saucer mission was, it was over.

Briefly, here is what I contend, happened at Roswell.Either something involving two flying saucers (which I find hard to believe based on the debris trail), or something else, struck the craft, knocking off small fragments and possibly causing decompression. The resultant train of debris was a long NW to SE corridor over 65 miles long. A few pieces were found 5 miles NW of the first official site two months later. The craft then struck the ground at a shallow angle at the Foster Ranch about 60 miles NW of Roswell and skipped back up into the air, leaving a slight gouge and a light debris field several hundred feet wide and 3/4 of a mile long. The rest of the ship, along with the remainder of the doomed crew, remained airborne and continued in an southeast direction for another 20 miles or so before it came to rest in a flat area with low, rolling hills 40 miles north/northwest of Roswell.

Carey & Schmitt (Ref. 2) suggest, that based on their evidence, the crash occurred on July 3rd. My scenario doesn't require this. In fact, the evidence I present indicates that the crash occurred between two peaks in sightings, which includes the 3rd. Just how close to either peak the event took pace, I'm not sure. It doesn't matter. However, Jesse Marcel, Jr. (Ref. 4) says the event occurred one week after the Arnold sighting of June 24th, which means it didn't happen during the 27-28 peak..

The Sites

"Mack" Brazel and his wife

Site #1 - Sixty miles NW of Roswell - Mack Brazel, (foreman of the Foster Ranch) finds the debris on the sheep ranch he worked. The sheep will not cross the debris to get to water. The debris is described as silvery, extremely light weight, and very thin like aluminum foil. Some of the material cannot be dented or bent. Other items can be wadded up into a ball but return to the original shape when released.

Site #2 - Twenty miles further SE.- According to his mother (Loretta Proctor), the severely-frightened Dee Proctor (who never allowed himself to be formally interviewed by anyone about what he witnessed as a 7-year-old boy with Brazel that day in 1947), in 1995, takes his dying mother to one of the sites. This one turns out to be the exact same one identified by Roswell researchers Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt in 1991. Today, it appears that the "Dee Proctor Body Site" is a legitimate one, in the straight-line trajectory of four sites involved in the Roswell UFO crash, where Mack Brazel found two or three alien bodies a few days after they were blown out or ejected from the stricken craft when it exploded over the debris field on the evening of July 3, 1947. (Ref, 1,46)

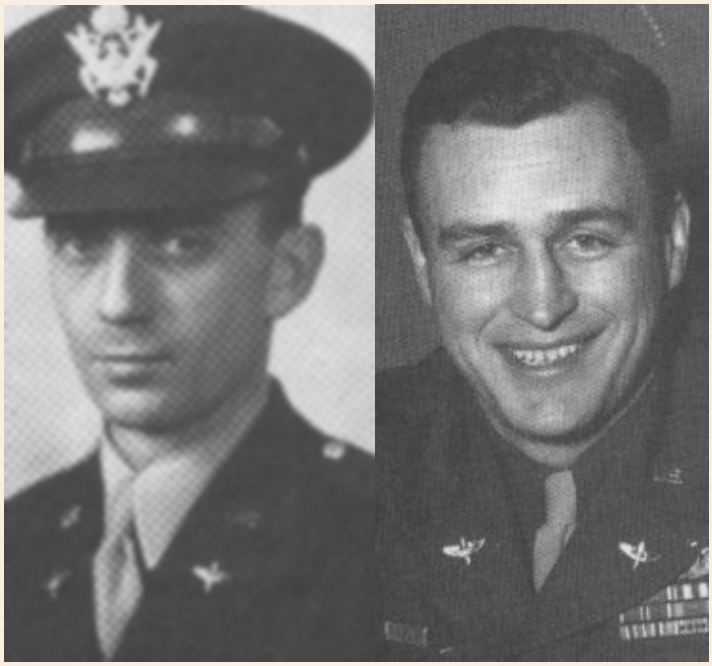
Site #3 - Forty miles NNW of Roswell - The rest of the ship, along with the remainder of the doomed crew, remains airborne and continues in an east/southeast direction for another 20 miles before crashing in a flat area with low, rolling hills.

Small samples of debris about 5 miles NW of the Foster ranch (Site #1), were discovered months after the crash. My first impression is that something struck the saucer at this point, a fatal blow, which left only a few fragments discovered by CIC agent Bill Rickett and Dr. Lincoln La Paz. In September of 1947, Rickett was ordered by the Pentagon to assist scientist Dr. Lincoln La Paz, from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. According to Rickett, La Paz had just been briefed in Washington, D.C. and was to determine the speed and trajectory of the unknown object. Keep in mind that this find is two months after the crash and provides more nails in the balloon theory coffin. They found pieces!!!! They were startled to find that the sand in the high desert terrain has crystallized, apparently as a result of exposure to tremendous heat. La Paz reported to the Pentagon that he thinks that the object was an unmanned interplanetary probe. He knew nothing about the bodies and had not been told there were any. (Ref. 3, 176-179)

CIC Agent Bill Rickett

So the story all began when Mack Brazel, the ranch foreman, found debris on what was known as the Foster Ranch. Any seven year old kid would have recognized a balloon of any kind, with or without aluminum radar reflectors, balsa wood struts and monofilament line. Mack had seen these things before. Major Jesse Marcel and CIC Agent Cavitt looked at the debris that Brazel had first brought into town and even they couldn't identify it. And remember, it was 60 miles as the crow flies, but 100+ miles by road, and over some rough terrain, to get to the crash site and they would not have wasted their time on anything like a balloon, no matter how secret its use might have been. Maj. Marcel was trained in radar and knew what balloons and radar targets looked like.

The scenario:After gathering some of the debris for most of the day, Maj. Marcel sends Cavitt ahead of him and on in to Roswell AAF. By now it is late and by early the next morning (around 1:00 AM) he is on his way to base, his home an easy stopover along the way. He stops for a short while to show his wife and son, Jesse, Jr., what he and the others have found. He then takes the debris samples into the base.



Maj. Jesse Marcel, Sr. Col. "Butch" Blanchard

At 6:00 AM Marcel and Cavitt visit with Col. Blanchard in his quarters and tell him what they have seen.

Late, the day before, when Marcel and Cavitt are with him at the ranch, Brazel leaves with KGFL station manager Walt Whitmore or one of his associates and is hidden out while recording "the story of the century" on a wire recorder. KGFL is off the air by this time so the show has to be aired the next morning, July 8. Early in the morning, Jud Roberts (minority owner) gets a call from the FCC in Washington and is warned not to air the interview, that it was in the interest of national security. If he did, KGFL would lose its broadcasting license. A few minutes later, New Mexico Senator Dennis Chavez strongly suggests he do exactly what the FCC ordered.

Mack is taken into custody by the AAF and detained by the U.S. Army Air Forces at the guest house for four or five days while cleanup operations continue. Military officers begin to interrogate. Brazel is denied access to a phone, is given an Army physical, and is subjected to rigorous questioning and intimidation while under arrest. Balloons can get you into a lot of trouble. Mack Brazel was as patriotic as one can get, as many in those days were. All the AAF had to do was tell him not to talk about it, that it was extremely important he keep his mouth shut, and that would have been all there was to....if it had been a balloon. Col. Blanchard calls the provost marshal, Maj. Edwin Easley, and orders him to post guards on the roads around the debris field, armed guards encircled the primary areas, denying access to anyone without official business.

7:30 a.m. The regular 8:00 AM staff meeting is moved up to 7:30 A.M. Haut's affidavit doesn't mention this.

A flying saucer has crashed right in the middle of the hottest technological and military area in the world, New Mexico. The Army Air Force has the alien technology in their possession and bodies to prove who was behind it, almost immediately. Here's why the military had to cover it up:

1) A plan for such a recovery was devised as early as 1944; dealing with ANY new technology found.
2) There were spies all over New Mexico; we didn't want ANYONE to know we had in our possession a new technology.
3) The Pentagon and the military in New Mexico didn't know if an invasion was imminent or not.

Lieutenant General Nathan E. Twining was the commander of the Air Materiel Command (where crash debris was flown), the parent organization at Wright Field, Ohio, and the next higher headquarters for both the Alamogordo Army Air Field and the Kirtland Army Air Field. Flight records show he changes his plans (Ref. 9) due to "a very important matter that developed here" and flies to Alamogordo AAF on July 7th. Newsclippings place him at Kirtland AFB on July 8th, talking to the press about flying saucers not being a product of the armed forces. Flight records show Twining left NM on July 11.

Lt. Gen. Laurence C. Craigie, chief of the Research and Engineering Division at Headquarters Army Air Force, is sent to investigate the crash on the orders of Gen. Curtis LeMay. The general meets with President Harry Truman immediately afterwards. (Ref. 5)

More men arrive at the debris field at the Foster Ranch and are assigned to assist in cleaning it up. Soldiers with wheelbarrows move across the field, tossing in the debris. When the wheelbarrows are filled, the soldiers take the debris to collection points. The debris is then loaded into covered trucks to be driven into Roswell.

Sometime that morning, Robin Adair, a photographer with the Associated Press receives a call from the main office in New York, is told to get to Roswell immediately, "even if it meant leasing a plane". Before landing at Roswell, Adair flies over the sites (2). Many troops, vehicles, and MPs cover the large open field. "One of them (sites) wasn't very distinct. The other was." Something has descended, impacted the ground, and then ascended into the air. (Ref. 3)

Several flights carry debris and bodies to various locations.

”Pappy” Henderson confides in his close friend John Kromschroeder in 1978 that he flew wreckage from a crashed saucer out of Roswell and to Dayton.

My impression of the highly successful and relatively swift crash-retrieval operation at Roswell was that it was as if it had been orchestrated much earlier. I say “relatively”. But I guess it wasn’t all that swift nor all that successful in cover-up terms. They drove through the streets of Roswell brazenly with the flatbed truck, allowed politicians etc. into the hangar, and in many other ways showed that they really DID NOT know exactly what to do. It also took many days and hundreds or personnel to sweep the sites. Richard Hall, in a recent note, made a good point:

Hall:
”I think a very strong case can be made that the basic reasons they succeeded in the recovery right under the noses of the populace and the base personnel are (1) the remote locations, and (2) the tightly knit and controlled nature of the base traditions and operations. On top of that, the blatant use of threats of violence to keep people silent is well-established, and that sure as hell is not good planning. Apparently they got away with it only because of who and where they were.”

But there is documentation supporting other experiences had prepared the military for such an event, even if there was no plan to ever recover a flying saucer. Keith Chester may have found the answer:

Page 61 of “Strange Company”:
By the order of Major General Nathan Twining, a Fifteenth Army Air Force memorandum was issued on March 15, (1944). Superseding a November 15,1943, version, it was titled, “Capture Intelligence Interrogation Of Air Prisoners of War, Examination Of Enemy Equipment.” It detailed the apparatus already set in place for such matters. The Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Center (CSDIC) was specifically set up to interrogate enemy air force prisoners and examine their documentation or anything else in their been possession. No prisoner was to be interrogated by anyone, “regardless of rank,” except by the CSDIC air interrogators. Fifteenth Air Force Headquarters required all documentation sent to the A-2’s attention, whether the air interrogator thought it related to enemy aircraft or something else. The memorandum required that all crashed enemy aircraft or captured air material be guarded by personnel from ‘the nearest Army unit’ until a ‘representative of the Captured Intelligence Section, A-2, MAAF [Mediterranean Allied Air Force] arrived.”

There was only one facility that was dedicated to the science of “reverse engineering”: AMC Intelligence Dept, referred to as T-3 (Ref. 11) at Wright-Paterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. On May 21, 1951 it would become known as ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center). The word “Air” was changed to “Aerospace” in 1959. Then, on July 1, 1961, it would become the Foreign Technology Division (FTD). Air Force Regulations 200-2 and 80-17 would later spell this out, requiring first the 4602nd AISS and later on the 1127th Field Activities Group, to do the investigation and secure materials.

Col. Thomas DuBose

Gen. Thomas DuBose exposes the cover-up at Roswell in an affidavit.

DuBose:
”In early July, I received a phone call from Gen. Clements McMullen, Deputy Commander, Strategic Air Command. He asked what we knew about the object which had been recovered outside Roswell, New Mexico, as reported by the press. I called Col. William Blanchard, Commander of the Roswell Army Air Field and directed him to send the material in a sealed container to me at Fort Worth. I so informed Gen. McMullen.”

“The material shown in the photographs taken in Maj. Gen. Ramey’s office was a weather balloon. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a cover story to divert the attention of the press.”

DuBose and Colonel Alan D. Clark, the base commander,

meet the aircraft from Roswell. Clark receives the bag with (a sample of) the debris and walks to the "command" B-26 to fly it out to Andrews Field, Maryland. This was the Pentagon's first peek at the Roswell material.

Gen. Roger Ramey Lt. Walter Haut

In 2002, Walter Haut, the Lieutenant who had put out the famous press release for Colonel Blanchard announcing the AAF recovery of a flying saucer, signs an affidavit, to be released upon his death.

(8) On Tuesday morning, July 8, I would attend the regularly scheduled staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. Besides Blanchard, Marcel; CIC [Counterintelligence Corp] Capt. Sheridan Cavitt; Col. James I. Hopkins, the operations officer; Lt. Col. Ulysses S. Nero, the supply officer; and from Carswell AAF in Fort Worth, Texas, Blanchard's boss, Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey and his chief of staff, Col. Thomas J. DuBose were also in attendance. The main topic of discussion was reported by Marcel and Cavitt regarding an extensive debris field in Lincoln County approx. 75 miles NW of Roswell. A preliminary briefing was provided by Blanchard about the second site approx. 40 miles north of town. Samples of wreckage were passed around the table. It was unlike any material I had or have ever seen in my life. Pieces which resembled metal foil, paper thin yet extremely strong, and pieces with unusual markings along their length were handled from man to man, each voicing their opinion. No one was able to identify the crash debris.

(9) One of the main concerns discussed at the meeting was whether we should go public or not with the discovery. Gen. Ramey proposed a plan, which I believe originated from his bosses at the Pentagon. Attention needed to be diverted from the more important site north of town by acknowledging the other location. Too many civilians were already involved and the press already was informed. I was not completely informed how this would be accomplished.

(10) At approximately 9:30 a.m. Col. Blanchard phoned my office and dictated the press release of having in our possession a flying disc, coming from a ranch Northwest of Roswell, and Marcel flying the material to higher headquarters. I was to deliver the news release to radio stations KGFL and KSWS, and newspapers the Daily Record and the Morning Dispatch.

(11) By the time the news release hit the wire services, my office was inundated with phone calls from around the world. Messages stacked up on my desk, and rather than deal with the media concern, Col. Blanchard suggested that I go home and "hide out."

(12) Before leaving the base, Col. Blanchard took me personally to Building 84 [AKA Hangar P-3], a B-29 hangar located on the east side of the tarmac. Upon first approaching the building, I observed that it was under heavy guard both outside and inside. Once inside, I was permitted from a safe distance to first observe the object just recovered north of town. It was approx. 12 to 15 feet in length, not quite as wide, about 6 feet high, and more of an egg shape. Lighting was poor, but its surface did appear metallic. No windows, portholes, wings, tail section, or landing gear were visible.

(13) Also from a distance, I was able to see a couple of bodies under a canvas tarpaulin. Only the heads extended beyond the covering, and I was not able to make out any features. The heads did appear larger than normal and the contour of the canvas suggested the size of a 10 year old child. At a later date in Blanchard's office, he would extend his arm about 4 feet above the floor to indicate the height.

(14) I was informed of a temporary morgue set up to accommodate the recovered bodies.

(15) I was informed that the wreckage was not "hot" (radioactive).

(16) Upon his return from Fort Worth, Major Marcel described to me taking pieces of the wreckage to Gen. Ramey's office

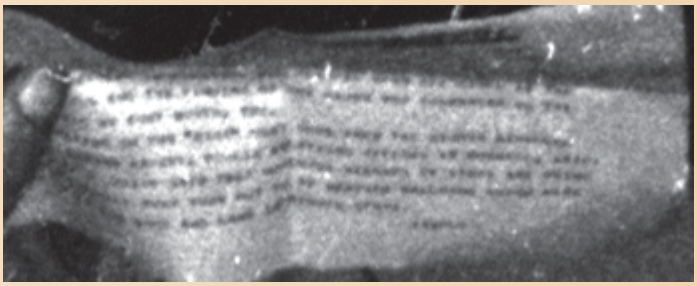
and after returning from a map room, finding the remains of a weather balloon and radar kite substituted while he was out of the room. Marcel was very upset over this situation. We would not discuss it again.

(17) I would be allowed to make at least one visit to one of the recovery sites during the military cleanup. I would return to the base with some of the wreckage which I would display in my office.

(18) I was aware two separate teams would return to each site months later for periodic searches for any remaining evidence.

(19) I am convinced that what I personally observed was some type of craft and its crew from outer space

Ramey & DuBose with substituted foil reflector (balloon not shown)Gen. Ramey has Maj. Marcel and some debris on the flight to Dayton, Ohio, which is diverted to Fort Worth for the cover-up plan.



Memo

In the photo of Ramey and DuBose at Fort Worth, showing the substituted balloon debris, one can see Ramey holding a memo clutched in his left hand. It is a copy of a message he had just sent to the AAF Chief of Staff at the Pentagon about the recovery and coverup. No one would have imagined that technology would someday reach the point where we could actually read some of that memo. The photographer, the only newsman invited to help perpetrate the cover-up, is James Bond Johnson of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He is equipped with a professional-quality camera with much higher resolution than most cameras of the day. Read the memo on the next page...but first pay close attention to whom the memo was sent.

Vandenberg was in-charge, says Memo. At the time of the Roswell incident, Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg was the Army Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff. With AAF Chief of Staff Gen. Spaatz out of town, Vandenberg is the acting AAF chief at the Pentagon. It was he who has Clements McMullen order the cover-up, get the material to T-2 at Dayton, Ohio. The Pentagon knows they have a flying saucer and alien bodies. (A year later, in 1948, it was the same Hoyt Vandenberg who “wouldn’t buy” the Top Secret Estimate of the Situation.).

Robert Shirkey, standing in the operations building, watches as MPs begin carrying wreckage through to load onto a C-54 from the First Air Transport Unit. To see better, he has to step around Colonel Blanchard.

At 2:30 PM. Blanchard decides it is time to go on leave. Too many phone callers into the base are asking to speak with him. He, along with a few members of his staff (Haut included), drive out to the debris field. Those left at the base are told to inform the reporters that the colonel is now on leave.

At 2:55 PM. the Associated Press reports in a “95,” just under a bulletin in importance, that a flying disk had been found.

Now, the bodies.
Archaeologists, including W. Curry Holden, working the sites around Roswell stumbles across the impact site where the object has crashed. One of them heads to the closest phone to tell Sheriff George Wilcox of the discovery of the remains of a crashed aircraft of some kind.

At some point Blanchard calls Eighth Air Force headquarters and advises them of the new find. By this time NO ONE believes the material is from a Soviet device, and certainly not any type of balloon or reflector. Eighth Air Force relays the message up the chain of command to SAC headquarters.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RAMEY ROSWELL "MEMO" OF JULY 8, 1947

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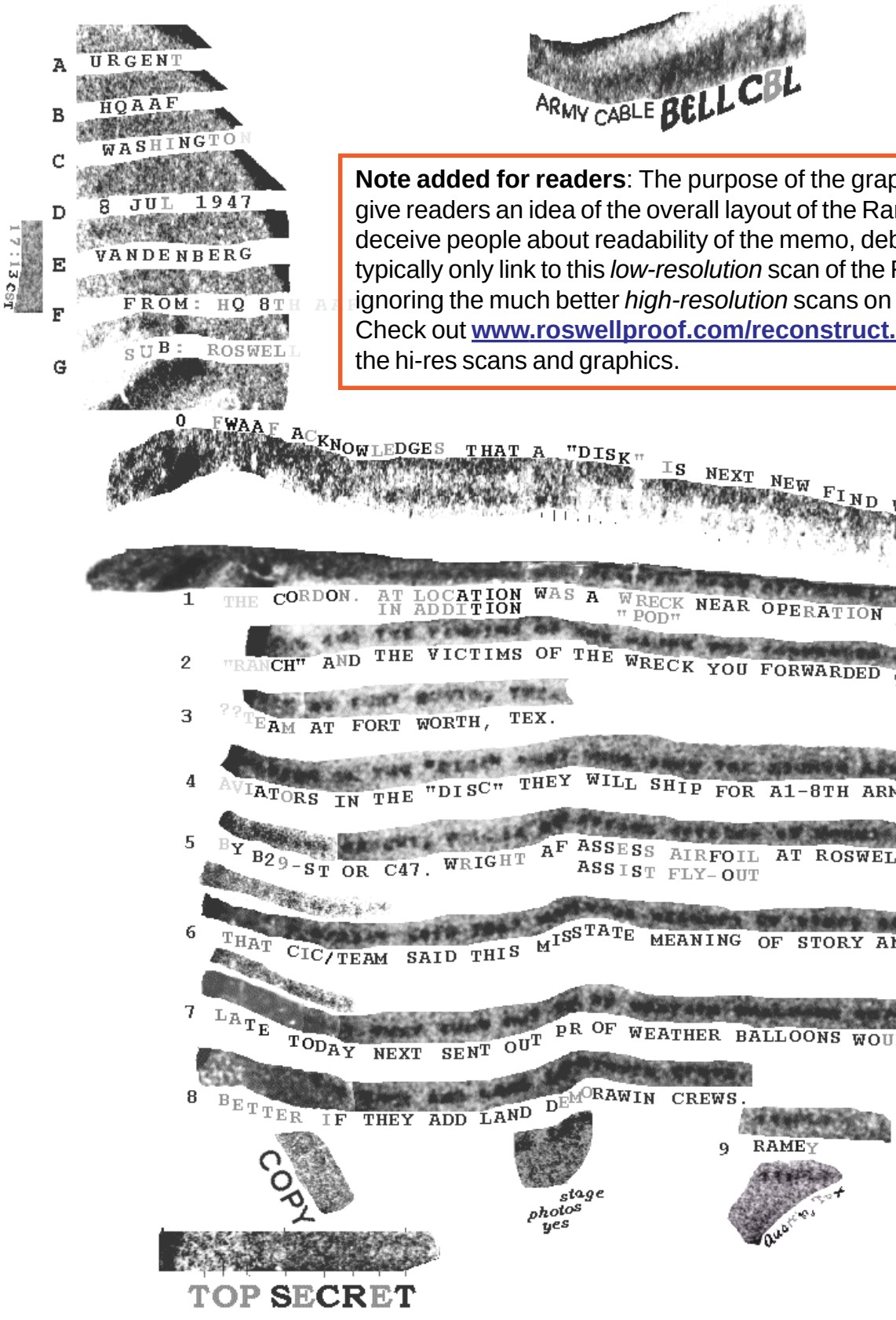
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Note added for readers: The purpose of the graphic below is to give readers an idea of the overall layout of the Ramey memo. To deceive people about readability of the memo, debunkers will typically only link to this *low-resolution* scan of the Ramey message, ignoring the much better *high-resolution* scans on my website. Check out **www.roswellproof.com/reconstruct.html** for links to the hi-res scans and graphics.

The military, knowing the approximate location of the saucer crash, move in with a carefully selected team for the recovery of the craft. The soldiers find civilians on the site already. They escort them off while others secure the area. Five bodies are found on the site. The site is cleaned and secured.

John McBoyle, a reporter for radio station KSWS in Roswell, tries to reach the crash site. He phones to report an object looking like a crushed dishpan. He tells Lydia Sleppy, who works at the parent station in Albuquerque, to hang on. She overhears an argument and then McBoyle tells her to forget it, he has made a mistake. McBoyle is about forty miles north of Roswell.

Sleppy tries to put a message out on the Teletype. According to Sleppy, the message is intercepted by the FBI in Dallas and she is ordered not to complete the transmission. (Ref. 10)

The bodies arrive at the base and are taken to the hospital for examination. Two doctors who are not assigned to the base but who have arrived on one of the special flights begin the preliminary autopsy.

Mirium "Andrea" Bush, 27-year-old civilian woman, secretary to the military hospital administrator (Lt. Col. Harold M. Warne) , is taken by the arm by Warne to the examination room. A number of bodies, described as like children in size, with grayish to brown skin, large heads, and eyes that wouldn't shut. Then, one of them moved. (Ref. 3)

W.J. Rodden, the owner and operator of a photo studio in Roswell, who during the War had been involved in some special photographic assignments for the government, held a security clearance at that time. Although he'd done nothing in an official capacity since the end of the War, he'd proved himself to be a loyal citizen who could be trusted with classified material. He was an expert in photography and was used to photograph some of the material recovered outside of Roswell. (Ref. 13) We were later told by another 509th informant that the Bomb Group had technicians who processed film and repaired cameras, their expertise directed at aerial photographs for bomb damage assesments and photo reconnaissance. He claimed they were not involved in the Roswell event. The photographer who was used at Roswell was brought in from the outside. This man was in fact, W. J. Rodden.

At 2:00 A.M. the next morning a special flight leaves for Andrews AAF in Washington, D.C. Some of the debris and the bodies are on that flight.

8:00 AM. Members of the First Air Transport Unit begin loading crates into C-54s. They load three or four aircraft with an intermediate destination of Kirtland. From there they are to be taken on to Los Alamos. Armed guards watch the loading of the aircraft.

(Ref. 1)At 9:00 A.M. CIC agents Cavitt and Rickett, having returned from assignment in Carlsbad, drive a staff car to the impact site, followed by MPs. They are stopped by the guards who are still posted. Cavitt wants "a new set of eyes on this". When they arrive, they see that a small containment of debris remains which Rickett is allowed to examine. (Ref. 1)

No sooner had the original press release went out and the cover story / explanation is on the wires. The explanation is that Mack Brazel, Maj. Jesse Marcell, CIC Agent Sheridan Cavitt, and Col. Blanchard were fooled by a weather balloon and a radar target reflector!

The cover-up begins

This brief paper mentioned only a few of the testimonies from the 600+ primary and secondary witnesses. For those wanting an in-depth coverage of Roswell, there are a number of books, including the latest two: "Witness At Roswell" by Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, and "The Roswell Legacy" by Jesse Marcel, Jr.

The story goes way beyond Roswell, however, and with even more coincidences. It was coincidence enough for a UFO crash during the first flying saucer wave that lasted only six weeks, most notably in only ten days. It was coincidence enough for sightings to increase right after the crash and decrease before the debunking campaign started. It was a coincidence that the crash could have happened anywhere in the world, but happened in the hottest technological place you would find on Planet Earth. It was a coincidence that an object was tracked on radar, two hundred miles up, over the area of the Foster Ranch.

Late August, 1947; New Mexico

You can see this one for yourself. This report is in the Project Blue Book documents. A CPS-4 radar was modified to track objects at very high altitude. They aimed the antenna almost straight up and picked up a target at 200 miles up. At an even 200 miles the angle of the radar at 70-degrees would put the spot about 73 miles away from Alamogordo Army Air Field (later Holloman AFB). Since the range could have been slightly higher, because of the high angle the ground range could be as much as 76-80 miles or more. The Foster Ranch debris

field (and any fairly close-by anomalous site) was about the same distance, about 85 miles away from Alamogordo. The report leaked out. Not found in the original Project Blue Book as an "unknowns", this incident IS listed in the updated list by Brad Sparks: "AMC Watson Labs Project Mogul engineer Rosmovski and communications officer Lt. H. G. Markley tracked a stationary target at 200 mile altitude using a modified CPS-4 radar aimed at 70-degree elevation." (FOIA, Loren Gross, Aug-Dec 1947 SUPP p.28.) Certain AF operations, like Project MOGUL which did the tracking of the 200-mile high stationary object, BELIEVED that there was an object at 200 miles up and went to some effort to cover it up. Two fairly high-level AMC people (Lt Col James C. Beam and Alfred Loedding the "brains" behind Project SIGN) make special arrangements in advance to fly out from Ohio to NM to interview Dr Peoples about the incident and then only when they arrive they find out Dr Peoples has conveniently LEFT and flown off to New Jersey, evidently to evade interview, and Lt Markley is strangely unavailable.

I don't think anyone was more knowledgeable about crash/retrieval stories than Leonard Stringfield. I'm not sure though just how many crashes he researched, but there was a surprising number of alleged incidents. But none of them comes close to Roswell with over 600 witnesses, first and second hand. I do find the Roswell evidence quite compelling. Assuming on my part that real UFO crashes are extremely rare and flying saucer material is really tough, even showing any lack of vulnerability as evidenced by many reports of objects fired upon during WWII, the idea of any crash seems odd. But with the given of Roswell, in my opinion, something brought the grays' lady down.

Were there two saucer crashes? Stanton Friedman thinks so. The debris train doesn't look like the result of two objects colliding, in my opinion. Was the craft struck by and downed by lightning? This appears to be extremely unlikely. One study report provided by NARCAP's Richard Haines explains why this is very rare even with our aircraft. Something brought the craft down and was extremely loud. Could an air-to-air missile have struck the craft in a vulnerable spot? There is no evidence we had any missile that had any type of reliable homing device. Whatever the cause, with such apparently indestructible material reported at Roswell, and the numerous reports from Keith Chester's new book "Strange Company", concerning Allied and Axis military firing on UFOs with no effect, whatever brought the saucer down would have been very powerful and would have been heard for many miles. We're still looking for the answers. If we had anything to do with the crash, or the crew's superiors thought we had, we could have been in big trouble. Vanderburg may have wondered about all these things, thinking the incident may have stirred up a hornet's nest. Saddened in one sense at the loss of life, and fearful of what was to come of it all, the Pentagon would have covered it up, and waited. The sudden increase in national sightings right after the crash might be explained by the possibility that somebody thought we had shot one of their saucers, maybe two, down over New Mexico.

A year later, without Roswell on the minds of Project SIGN at Dayton, Ohio, the independent evidence of other major UFO incidents in general caused the drafting of the top secret Estimate of the Situation, delivered to AF Headquarters on August 5, 1948. (Ref. 6)

Captain Edward J. Ruppelt:"
..... the higher The Estimate of the Situation went in the Air Force chain of command the cooler the reception it got, and .....reports of radar picking up UFO's began to come in. How far this estimate got is something that I could never determine, but it got up into the high echelons of the Air Force before it was batted back down. The reason for batting it down was that the conclusions, interplanetary vehicles, lacked proof. A group from ATIC went to the Pentagon to sell the idea to the late General Hoyt S. Vandenburg, then Chief of Staff of the Air Force, but had no luck. The evidence didn't impress him enough to make him decide to buy the interplanetary theory."

If you remember, the Pentagon's AAF Chief of Staff Gen. Spaatz was out of town when the crash occurred. Vandenberg was the acting AAF chief at the Pentagon, and was directly involved, as evidenced by historical fact and the Ramey memo. Some group, high up in the Pentagon knew about Roswell and they knew they couldn't sign the EOTS. Actually there were two estimates. ATIC's version made no mention of Roswell. I think the Pentagon's version might have. If not, the Pentagon probably didn't need an estimate. It had a spaceship and its crew!

I had a very interesting conversation with Keith Chester while writing this report and we discussed the EOTS. It seems very logical with the way the government produces reports that there were several copies out there, even though it was stamped Top Secret. Top Secret items are supposed to be locked up. Major Keyhoe saw the EOTS in 1952. Captain Edward Ruppelt had seen it and he was the first to describe it in his book. Major Dewey Fournet, HQ Monitor between Project Blue Book and the Pentagon, actually HAD a copy of it. He wasn't too impressed with it and said that it was put together too early too fast. Harry Woo of NavPIC saw it. Fournet showed him a copy of it. In any event ATIC was seriously considering that flying saucers were interplanetary

from the very beginning, at least just a year after the Wave of 1947 and Roswell.

Colonel Garrett's ATIC Estimate, which was a rough draft of the report. The finalized version has not been located. Page 8 mentions "lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know." This is an indication to me that somebody in the Pentagon, Spatz and Vandenburg for sure, knew about Roswell.

An FBI memo dated Aug. 19, 1947 says pretty much the same thing. Memo to D.W. Ladd from E.G. Fitch mentioning SAC Reynolds conversation with Lt. Col. George Garrett, re: "there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about."

In my opinion this made the turnaround necessary. Flying saucers HAD to be played down. Project SIGN had to be changed to Project GRUDGE and UFOs had to be explained away. ATIC was already taking the reports seriously. The Pentagon stance was way beyond taking. After a while and nothing happened (no invasion), the pressure eased. The new project Grudge became Project Blue Book. It would take another paper to go into this aspect of the UFO story, but one my colleagues put it pretty well:

Keith Chester:
I don't think Bluebook personnel were informing the Pentagon about anything important. I think they were a front, a front that was compartmentalized; a vehicle for running screen for the Air Force in the Public Eye, and an intelligence gathering entity working with civilian investigations. Bluebook did conduct there own investigations, but I feel they were definitely monitored by a much more sophisticated outfit in the Air Force. I think your paper is lacking much about the OSI's role.

In 1952 the massive UFO sighting wave shook up the military and the CIA. Thousands of people reported having seen things in the sky, and radar was confirming those impressions. There were photographs and movies and jet chases and reports of alien creatures. There were headlines and radio reports of activity in the skies over Washington, D.C., that ended in what was described as the largest press conference held by the military since the end of the Second World War. And while all that was going on in the public eye, a first lieutenant was sent into Roswell (Ref. 12) to review the records and documentation about the UFO crash five years earlier. Although he had not been in the military in 1947, and was certainly not involved in the events of July 1947, he now had access to everything that had been written, photographed, and documented about the crash retrieval. His job was to determine what needed to be left in Roswell, what had to be moved to another facility, and what had to be destroyed. The lieutenant said he had access to all the relevant documents, and so understood the whole story. He had seen dozens of reports told from various vantage points on the crash site, had seen the photographs of the ship, and had even handled a piece of the thin metallic debris. There was nothing about the crash that he didn't have access to, or failing that, of a way of finding it out. The lieutenant's knowledge of Roswell came from the documents he saw in 1952. This officer would eventually rise to the rank of brigadier general.

After 60 years there is nothing in our inventory that even faintly resembles flying saucers or UFO technology. We haven't learned anything from Roswell. Or have we?

On August 19, 2007, Brad Sparks stated:
"I must admit from my highly skeptical research that in 1949 AFOSI was almost certainly responding to Roswell - for very compelling reasons I cannot get into here. There is in fact some weak, circumstantial evidence suggesting that it was a classic Roswell coverup."

"In 2000 while doing non-UFO-related research, I accidentally discovered the TOP SECRET U.S. government policy response toRoswell, which should not exist if Roswell was essentially a non-event. <>It is disturbing because I had thought of Roswell as a nothing event, and because the idea the US Government took it so gravely serious should be a disturbing revelation. One of our own balloons (Mogul or otherwise) would not trigger any response at all because it's one of ours."

Oct 12, 2007. Some of you probably remember anthropologist Herbert Dick's denial about being on the Plains of San Agustin in July of 1947? It would support Barney Barnett's story about seeing the military AND the archeologists at the crash site if we could prove Dick and his group WERE there and that he lied about it. Dick, who died in 1992, had a college background and advanced degree and would not have wanted to embarrass a prestigious university or jeopardize a chance to acquire a Ph.D by reporting that he was at a crashed flying saucer site with bodies in 1947. So was he there? Yes! Secretly in our possession for some time, in January of 2008 the Harvard Archives allowed Art Campbell to publish the Dick letters. The material concerning Dick's presence on the Plains is a seven-page letter, cleared to me on January 14th, that Dick

sent to his advisor, justifying his side of a feud with another archaeologist, over who would do the Bat Cave dig for a thesis. These documents, provided to me by researcher Art Campbell prove Herbert Dick's group's presence on the Plains on July 1-14, 1947.

In the 2007 motion picture, "National Treasure: Book of Secrets", Benjamin Franklin Gates (Nicolas Cage) and his team take another romp through U.S. history. Now, armed with a stack of long-lost pages from John Wilkes Booth's diary, Ben is obsessed with finding the truth behind President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Forced to help is the President of the United States, who then asks a favor, for them to look at page 47. At the end of the movie, in the scene in the hanger, the President says, "Any insights, about that thing we talked about.?" And Gates replies, "Yes sir, Mr. President, life altering."

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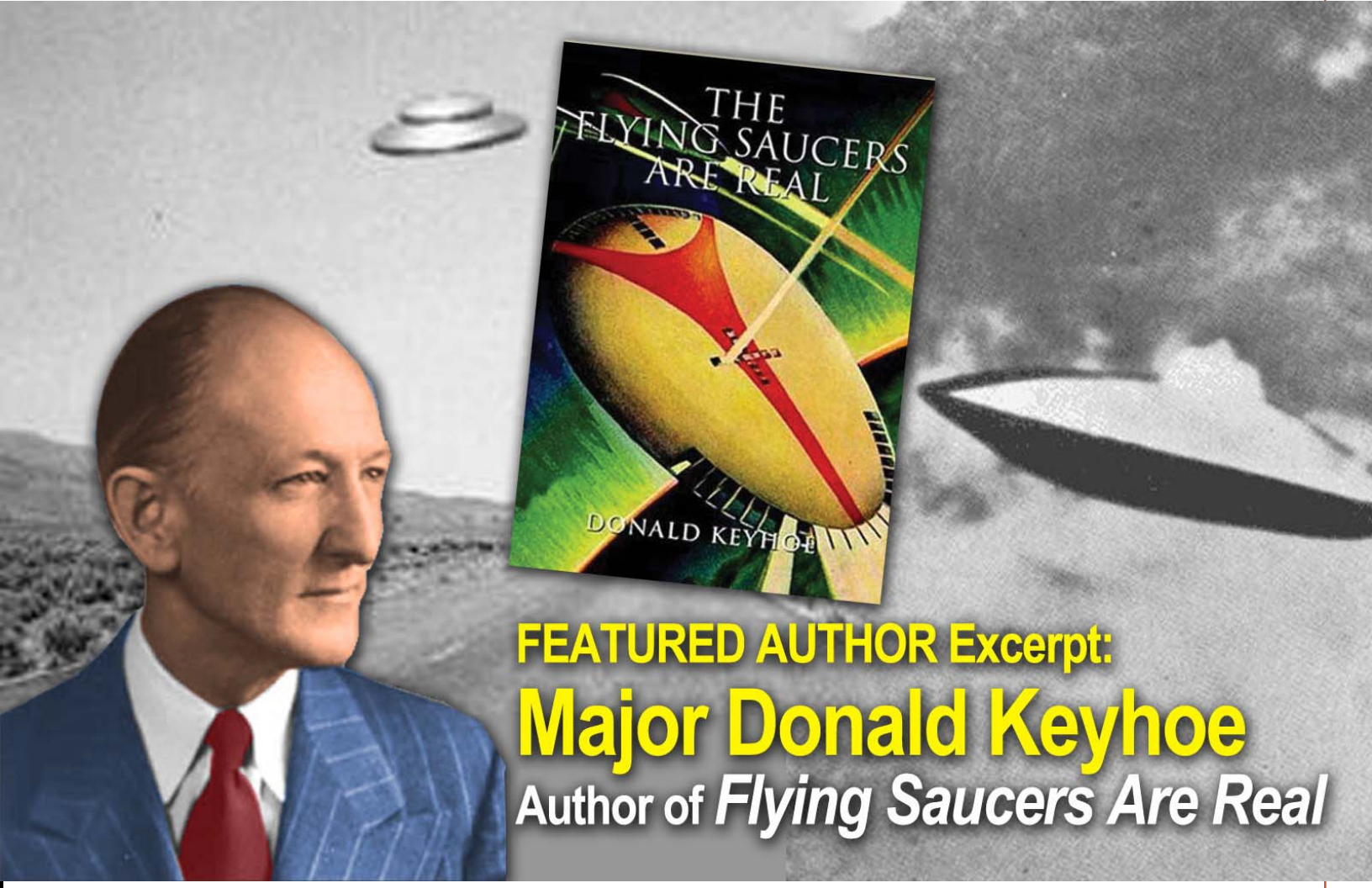


FEATURED AUTHOR Excerpt:
Major Donald Keyhoe
Author of *Flying Saucers Are Real*

IT HAS BEEN over two years since the puzzling death of Captain Thomas Mantell.

Mantell died mysteriously in the skies south of Fort Knox. But before his radio went silent, he sent a strange message to Godman Air Force Base. The men who heard it will never forget it.

It was January 7, 1948.

Crowded into the Godman Field Tower, a group of Air Force officers stared up at the afternoon sky. For just an instant, something gleamed through the broken clouds south of the base.

High above the field, three P-51 fighters climbed with swift urgency. Heading south, they quickly vanished.

The clock in the tower read 2:45.

Colonel Guy Hix, the C.O., slowly put down his binoculars. If the thing was still there, the clouds now hid it. All they could do was wait.

The first alarm had come from Fort Knox, when Army M.P.'s had relayed a state police warning. A huge gleaming object had been seen in the sky, moving toward Godman Field. Hundreds of startled people had seen it at Madisonville, ninety miles away.

Thirty minutes later, it had zoomed up over the base.

Colonel Hix glanced around at the rest of the men in the tower. They all had a dazed look. Every man there had seen the thing, as it barreled south of the field. Even through the thin clouds, its intermittent red glow had hinted at some mysterious source of power. Something outside their understanding.

It was Woods, the exec, who had estimated its size. Hix shook his head. That was unbelievable. But something had hung over Godman Field for almost an hour. The C.O. turned quickly as the loud-speaker, tuned to the P-51's, suddenly came to life.

"Captain Mantell to Godman . . . Tower Mantell to Godman Tower . . ."

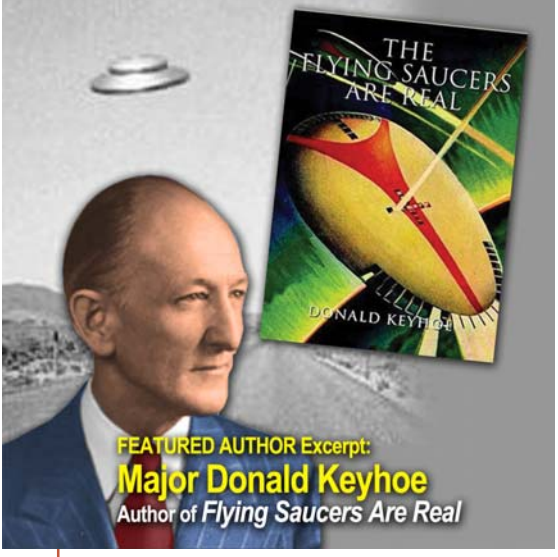
The flight leader's voice had a strained tone.

"I've sighted the thing!" he said. "It looks metallic--and it's tremendous in size!"

The C.O. and Woods stared at each other. No one spoke.

"The thing's starting to climb," Mantell said swiftly. "It's at twelve o'clock high, making half my speed. I'll try to close in."

In five minutes, Mantell reported again.



The strange metallic object had speeded up, was now making 360 or more.

At 3:08, Mantell's wingman called in. Both he and the other pilot had seen the weird object. But Mantell had outclimbed them and was lost in the clouds.

Seven minutes dragged by. The men in the tower sweated out the silence. Then, at 3:15, Mantell made a hasty contact.

"It's still above me, making my speed or better. I'm going up to twenty thousand feet. If I'm no closer, I'll abandon chase."

It was his last report.

Minutes later, his fighter disintegrated with terrific force. The falling wreckage was scattered for thousands of feet.

When Mantell failed to answer the tower, one of his pilots began a search. Climbing to 33,000 feet, he flew a hundred miles to the south.

But the thing that lured Mantell to his death had vanished from the sky.

Ten days after Mantell was killed, I learned of a curious sequel to the Godman affair.

An A.P. account in the New York Times had caught my attention. The story, released at Fort Knox, admitted Mantell had died while chasing a flying saucer. Colonel Hix was quoted as having watched the object, which was still unidentified. But there was no mention of Mantell's radio messages--no hint of the thing's tremendous size.

Though I knew the lid was probably on, I went to the Pentagon. When the scare had first broken, in the summer of '47, I had talked with Captain Tom Brown, who was handling saucer inquiries. But by now Brown had been shifted, and no one in the Press Branch would admit knowing the details of the Mantell saucer chase.

Captain Thomas F. Mantell

"We just don't know the answer," a security officer told me.

"There's a rumor," I said, "it's a secret Air Force missile that sometimes goes out of control."

"Good God, man!" he exploded. "If it was, do you think we'd be ordering pilots to chase the damned things?"

"No--and I didn't say I believed it." I waited until he cooled down. "This order you mentioned--is it for all Air Force pilots, or special fighter units?"

"I didn't say it was a special order," he answered quickly. "All pilots have routine instructions to report unusual items."

"They had fighters alerted on the Coast, when the scare first broke," I reminded him. "Are those orders still in force?"

He shook his head. "No, not that I know of." After a moment he added, "All I can tell you is that the Air Force is still investigating. We honestly don't know the answer."

As I went out the Mall entrance, I ran into Jack Daly, one of Washington's veteran newsmen. Before the war, Jack and I had done magazine pieces together, usually on Axis espionage and communist activity. I told him I was trying to find the answer to Mantell's death.

"You heard anything?" I asked him.

"Only what was in the A.P. story," said Jack. "But an I.N.S. man told me they had a saucer story from Columbus, Ohio--and it might have been the same one they saw at Fort Knox."

"I missed that. What was it?"

"They sighted the thing at the Air Force field outside of Columbus. It was around sundown, about two hours after that pilot was killed in Kentucky."

"Anybody chase it?" I asked.

"No. They didn't have time to take off, I guess. This I.N.S. guy said it was going like hell. Fast as a jet, anyway."

"Did he say what it looked like?"

"The Air Force boys said it was as big as a C-47," said Jack. "Maybe bigger. It had a reddish-orange exhaust streaming out behind. They could see it for miles."

"If you hear any more, let me know," I said. Jack promised he would.

"What do you think they are?" he asked me.

"It's got me stumped. Russia wouldn't be testing missiles over here. Anyway, I can't believe they've got anything like that. And I can't see the Air Force letting pilots get killed to hide something we've got."

One week later, I heard that a top-secret unit had been set up at Wright Field to investigate all saucer reports. When I called the Pentagon, they admitted this much, and that was all.

In the next few months, other flying-disk stories hit the front pages. Two Eastern Airline pilots reported a double-decked mystery ship sighted near Montgomery, Alabama. I learned of two other sightings, one over the Pacific Ocean and one in California. The second one, seen through field glasses, was described as rocket-shaped, as large as a B-29. There were also rumors of disks being tracked by radar, but it was almost a year before I confirmed these reports.

When Purdy wired me, early in May of '49, I had half forgotten the disks. It had been months since any important sightings had been reported. But his message quickly revived my curiosity. If he thought the subject was hot, I knew he must have reasons. When I walked into his office at 67 West 44th, Purdy stubbed out his cigarette and shook hands. He looked at me through his glasses for a moment. Then he said abruptly:

"You know anything about the disks?"

"If you mean what they are--no."

He motioned for me to sit down. Then he swiveled his chair around, his shoulders hunched forward, and frowned out the window.

Photograph of Mantell wreckage, retouched to remove scratches

"Have you seen the Post this week?"

I told him no.

"There's something damned queer going on. For fifteen months, Project 'Saucer' is buttoned up tight. Top secret. Then suddenly, Forrestal gets the Saturday Evening Post to run two articles, brushing the whole thing off. The first piece hits the stands--and then what happens?"

Purdy swung around, jabbed his finger at a document on. his desk.

"That same day, the Air Force rushes out this Project 'Saucer' report. It admits they haven't identified the disks in any important cases. They say it's still serious enough--wait a minute--"he thumbed through the stapled papers--" 'to require constant vigilance by Project "Saucer" personnel and the civilian population.'"

"You'd think the Post would make a public kick," I said.

"I don't mean it's an out-and-out denial," said Purdy. "It doesn't mention the Post--just contradicts it. In fact, the report contradicts itself. It looks as if they're trying to warn people and yet they're scared to say too much."

I looked at the title on the report: "A Digest of Preliminary Studies by the Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, on 'Flying Saucers.'"

"Have the papers caught it yet?" I asked Purdy.

"You mean its contradicting the Post?" He shook his head. "No, the Pentagon press release didn't get much space. How many editors would wade through a six-thousand-word government report? Even if they did, they'd have to compare it, item for item, with the Post piece."

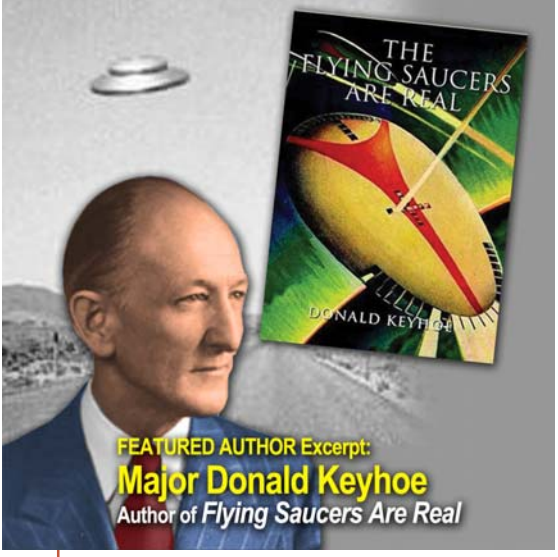
"Who wrote the Post story?"

Purdy lit a cigarette and frowned out again at the skyscrapers.

"Sidney Shallett--and he's careful. He had Forrestal's backing. The Air Force flew him around, arranged interviews, supposedly gave him inside stuff. He spent two months on it. They O.K.'d his script, which practically says the saucers are bunk. Then they reneged on it."

"Maybe some top brass suddenly decided it was the wrong policy to brush it off," I suggested.

"Why the quick change?" demanded



Purdy. "Let's say they sold the Post on covering up the truth, in the interests of security. It's possible, though I don't believe it. Or they could simply have fed them a fake story. Either Way, why did they rush this contradiction the minute the Post hit the stands?"

"Something serious happened," I said, "after the Post went to press."

"Yes, but what?" Purdy said impatiently. "That's what we've got to find out."

"Does Shallett's first piece mention Mantell's death?"

"Explains it perfectly. You know what Mantell was chasing? The planet Venus!"

"That's the Post's answer?" I said, incredulously.

"It's what the Air Force contract astronomer told Shallett. I've checked with two astronomers here. They say that even when Venus is at full magnitude you can barely see it in the daytime even when you're looking for it. It was only half magnitude that day, so it was practically invisible."

"How'd the Air Force expect anybody to believe that answer?" I said.

Purdy shrugged. "They deny it was Venus in this report. But that's what they told Shallett--that all those Air Force officers, the pilots, the Kentucky state police, and several hundred people at Madisonville mistook Venus for a metallic disk several hundred feet in diameter."

"It's a wonder Shallett believed it."

"I don't think he did. He says if it wasn't Venus, it must have been a balloon."

"What's the Air Force answer?" I asked Purdy.

"Look in the report. They say whatever Mantell chased--they call it a 'mysterious object'--is still unidentified."

I glanced through the case report, on page five. It quoted Mantell's radio report that the thing was metallic and tremendous in size. Linked with the death of Mantell was the Lockbourne, Ohio, report, which tied in with what Jack Daly had told me, over a year before. I read the report:

"On the same day, about two hours later, a sky phenomenon was observed by several watchers over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio. It was described as 'round or oval, larger than a C-47, and traveling in level flight faster than 500 miles per hour.' The object was followed from the Lockbourne observation tower for more than 20 minutes. Observers said it glowed from white to amber, leaving an amber exhaust trail five times its own length. It made motions like an elevator and at one time appeared to touch the ground. No sound was heard. Finally, the object faded and lowered toward the horizon."

Purdy buzzed for his secretary, and she brought me a copy of the first Post article.

"You can get a copy of this Air Force report in Washington," Purdy told me. "This is the only one I have. But you'll find the same answer for most of the important cases--the sightings at Muroc Air Base, the airline pilots' reports, the disks Kenneth Arnold saw--they're all unidentified."

"I remember the Arnold case. That was the first sighting."

"You've got contacts in Washington," Purdy went on. "Start at the Pentagon first. They know we're working on it. Sam Boal, the first man on this job, was down there for a day or two."

"What did he find out?"

"Symington told him the saucers were bunk. Secretary Johnson admitted they had some pictures--we'd heard about a secret photograph taken at Harmon Field, Newfoundland. The tip said this saucer scared hell out of some pilots and Air Force men up there.

"A major took Boal to some Air Force colonel and Boal asked to see the pictures. The colonel said they didn't have any. He turned red when the major said Symington had told Boal about the pictures."

"Did Boal get to see them?" I said.

"No," grunted Purdy, "and I'll bet twenty bucks you won't, either. But try, anyway. And check on a rumor that they've tracked some disks with radar. One case was supposed to be at an Air Force base in Japan."

As I was leaving, Purdy gave me a summary of sighting reports.

"Some of these were published, some we dug up ourselves," he said. "We got some confidential stuff from airline pilots. It's pretty obvious the Air Force has tried to keep them quiet."

"All right," I said. "I'll get started. Maybe things aren't sewed up so tightly, now this report is out."

"We've found out some things about Project 'Saucer,' said Purdy. "Whether it's a cover-up or a real investigation, there's a lot of hush-hush business to it. They've got astronomers and astrophysicists working for them, also rocket expects, technical analysts, and Air Force Special Intelligence. We've been told they can call on any government agency for help--and I know they're using the F.B.I."

It was building up bigger than I had thought.

"If national security is involved," I told Purdy, "they can shut us up in a hurry."

"If they tell me so, O.K.," said Purdy. He added grimly, "But I think they're making a bad mistake. They probably think they're doing what's right. But the truth might come out the wrong way."

Kenneth Arnold with illustration of the disc craft he observed

"It is possible," I thought, "that the saucers belong to Russia."

"If it turns out to be a Soviet missile, count me out," I said. "We'd have the Pentagon and the F.B.I. on our necks."

"All right, if that's the answer." He chuckled. "But you may be in for a jolt."JUST THE idea of gigantic flying disks was incredible enough. It was almost as hard to believe that such missiles could have been developed without something leaking out. Yet we had produced the A-bomb in comparative secrecy, and I knew we were working on long-range guided missiles. There was already a plan for a three-thousand-mile test range. Our supersonic planes had hit around two thousand miles an hour. Our two-stage rockets had gone over two hundred miles high, according to reports. If an atomic engine had been secretly developed, it could explain the speed and range of the saucers.

But I kept coming back to Mantell's death and the Air Force orders for pilots to chase the saucers. If the disks were American missiles, that didn't jibe.

When I reached the lobby, I found it was ten after four. I caught a taxi and made the Congressional Limited with just one minute to spare. In the club car, I settled down to look at Purdy's summary.

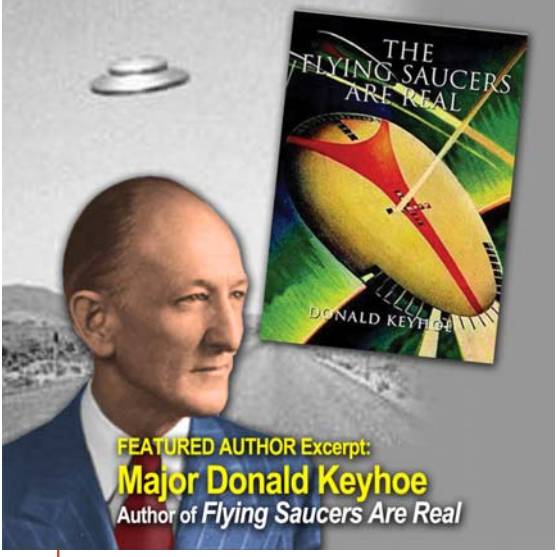
Skipping through the pages, I saw several familiar cases. Here and there, Purdy had scrawled brief comments or suggestions. Beside the Eastern Airline report of a double-decked saucer, he had written:

"Check rumor same type seen over Holland about this date. Also, similar Philippine Islands report--date unknown."

I went back to the beginning. The first case listed was that of Kenneth Arnold, a Boise businessman, who had set off the saucer scare. Arnold was flying his private plane from Chehalis to Yakima, Washington, when he saw a bright flash on his wing.

Looking toward Mount Rainier, he saw nine gleaming disks outlined against the snow, each one about the size of a C-54.

"They flew close to the mountaintops, in a diagonal chainlike line," he said later. "It was as if they were linked together."



The disks appeared to be twenty to twenty-five miles away, he said, and moving at fantastic speed. Arnold's estimate was twelve hundred miles an hour.

"I watched them about three minutes," he said. "They were swerving in and out around the high mountain peaks. They were flat, like a pie pan, and so shiny they reflected the sun like a mirror. I never saw anything so fast."

The date was June 24, 1947.

On this same day there was another saucer report. which received very little notice. A Portland prospector named Fred Johnson, who was working up in the Cascade Mountains, spotted five or six disks banking in the sun. He watched them through his telescope several seconds. then he suddenly noticed that the compass hand on his special watch was weaving wildly from side to side. Johnson insisted he had not heard of the Arnold report, which was not broadcast until early evening.

Kenneth Arnold's story was generally received with amusement. Most Americans were unaware that the Pentagon had been receiving disk reports as early as January. The news and radio comments on Arnold's report brought several other incidents to light, which observers had kept to themselves for fear of ridicule.

At Oklahoma City, a private pilot told Air Force investigators he had seen a huge round object in the sky during the latter part of May. It was flying three times faster than a jet, he said, and without any sound. Citizens of Weiser, Idaho, described two strange fast-moving objects they had seen on June 12. The saucers were heading southeast, now and then dropping to a lower altitude, then swiftly climbing again. Several mysterious objects were reported flying at great speed near Spokane, just three days before Arnold's experience. And four days after his encounter, an Air Force pilot flying near Lake Meade, Nevada, was startled to see half a dozen saucers flash by his plane.

Even at this early point in the scare, official reports were contradicting each other. just after Arnold's story broke, the Air Force admitted it was checking on the mystery disks. On July 4 the Air Force stated that no further investigation was needed; it was all hallucination. That same day, Wright Field told the Associated Press that the Air Materiel Command was trying to find the answer.

The Fourth of July was a red-letter day in the flying-saucer mystery. At Portland, Oregon, hundreds of citizens, including former Air Force pilots, police, harbor pilots, and deputy sheriffs, saw dozens of gleaming disks flying at high speed. The things; appeared to be at least forty thousand feet in the air--perhaps much higher.

That same day, disks were sighted at Seattle, Vancouver, and other northwest cities. The rapidly growing reports were met with mixed ridicule and alarm. One of the skeptical group was Captain E. J. Smith, of United Airlines.

"I'll believe them when I see them," he told airline employees, before taking off from Boise the afternoon of the Fourth.

Just about sunset, his airliner was flying over Emmett, Idaho, when Captain Smith and his copilot, Ralph Stevens, saw five queer objects in the sky ahead. Smith rang for the stewardess, Marty Morrow, and the three of them watched the saucers for several minutes. Then four more of the disks came into sight. Though it was impossible to tell their size, because their altitude was unknown, the crew was sure they were bigger than the plane they were in. After about ten minutes the disks disappeared.

The Air Force quickly denied having anything resembling the! objects Captain Smith described.

"We have no experimental craft of that nature in Idaho--or anywhere else," an official said in Washington. "We're completely mystified."

The Navy said it had made an investigation, and had no answers. There had been rumors that the disks were "souped-up" versions of the Navy's "Flying Flapjack," a twin-engined circular craft known technically as the XF-5-U-1. But the Navy insisted that only one model had been built, and that it was now out of service.

In Chicago, two astronomers spiked guesses that the disks might be meteors. Dr. Girard Kieuper, director of the University of Chicago observatory, said flatly that they couldn't be meteors.

"They're probably man-made," he told the A.P. Dr. Oliver Lee, director of Northwestern's observatory, agreed with Kieuper.

"The Army, Navy, and Air Force are working secretly on all sorts of things," he said. "Remember the A-bomb secrecy--and the radar signals to the moon."

As I went through Purdy's summary, I recalled my own reaction after the United Airlines report. After seeing the

Pentagon comment, I had called up Captain Tom Brown, at Air Force Public Relations.

"Are you really taking this seriously?" I asked him.

"Well, we can't just ignore it," he said. "There are too many reliable pilots telling the same story--flat, round objects able to outmaneuver ordinary planes, and faster than anything we have. Too many stories tally."

I told him I'd heard that the Civil Air Patrol in Wisconsin and other states was starting a sky search.

"We've got a jet at Muroc, and six fighters standing by at Portland right now," Brown said.

"Armed?"

"I've no report on that. But I know some of them carry photographic equipment."

Two days later an airline pilot from the Coast told me that some fighters had been armed and the pilots ordered to bring down the disks if humanly possible. That same day, Wright Field admitted it was checking stories of disk-shaped missiles seen recently in the Pacific northwest and in Texas.

Following this was an A.P. story, dated July 7, quoting an unnamed Air Force official in Washington:

"The flying saucers may be one of three things:

"1. Solar reflection on low-hanging clouds. [A Washington scientist, asked for comment, said this was hardly possible.]

"2. Small meteors which break up, their crystals catching the rays of the sun. But it would seem that they would have been spotted falling and fragments would have been found.

"3. Icing conditions could have formed large hailstones, and they might have flattened out and glided a bit, giving the impression of horizontal movement even though falling vertically."

By this time everyone was getting into the act.

On July 8 more disks were reported. Out at Muroc Air Force Base, where top-secret planes and devices are tested, six fast-moving silvery-white saucers were seen by pilots and ground officers.

"The disks are caused by the transmutation of atomic energy," said an anonymous scientist, supposed to be on the staff of California Tech. The college quickly denied it.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, world-famous scientist, and Dr. Merle Tuve, inventor of the proximity fuse, both declared they would know of any secret American missiles--and didn't.

At Syracuse, New York, Dr. Harry Steckel, Veterans Administration psychiatrist, scoffed at the suggestion of mass hysteria. "Too many sane people are seeing the things. The government is probably conducting some revolutionary experiments."

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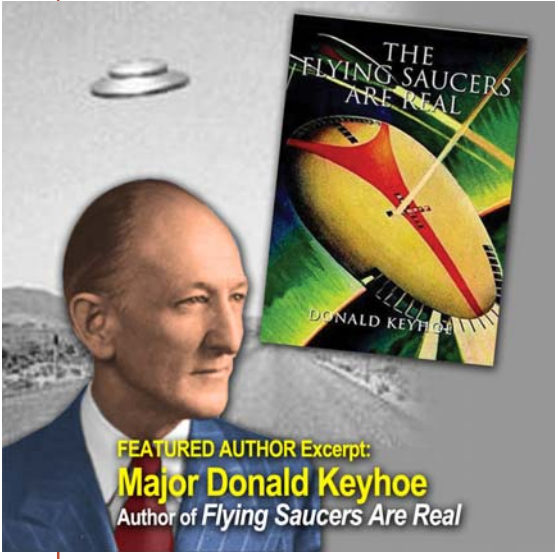
That afternoon the Air Force revealed it was working on a case involving a Navy rocket expert named C. T. Zohm. While on a secret Navy mission to New Mexico, in connection with rocket tests, Zohm had seen a bright silvery disk flying above the desert. He was crossing the desert with three other scientists when he saw the strange object flashing northward at an altitude of about ten thousand feet.

"I'm sure it was not a meteor," said Zohm. "It could have been a guided missile, but I never heard of anything like it."

By this time, saucer reports had come in from almost forty states. Alarm was increasing, and there were demands that radar be used to track the disks. The Air Force replied that there was not enough radar equipment to blanket the nation, but that its pilots were on the lookout for the saucers.

One report mentioned a curious report from Twin Falls, Idaho. The disk sighted there was said to have flown so low that the treetops whirled as if in a violent storm. Someone had phoned Purdy about a disk tracked by weather-balloon observers at Richmond, Virginia. There was another note on a sighting at Hickam Field, Honolulu, and two reports of unidentified objects seen near Anchorage, Alaska.

A typed list of world-wide sightings had been made up by the staff at True. It contained many cases that were new to me, reports from Paraguay, Belgium, Turkey, Holland, Germany, and the Scandinavian countries. At the bottom of this memo Purdy had written: "Keep check-



ing on rumor that the Soviet has a Project Saucer, too. Could be planted."

From the mass of reports, John DuBarry, the aviation editor of True, had methodically worked out an average picture of the disks: "The general report is that they are round or oval (this could be an elliptical object seen end-on), metallic looking, very bright--either shining white or silvery colored. They can move at extremely high speed, hover, accelerate rapidly, and outmaneuver ordinary aircraft.

"The lights are usually seen singly--very few formations reported. They seem to have the same speed, acceleration, and ability to maneuver. In several cases, they have been able to evade Air Force planes in night encounters."

Going over the cases, I realized that Purdy and his staff had dug up at least fifty reports that had not appeared in the papers. (A few of these proved incorrect, but a check with the Air Force case reports released on December 30, 1949, showed that True's files contained all the important items.) These cases included sightings at eleven Air Force bases and fourteen American airports, reports from ships at sea, and a score of encounters by airline and private pilots.

Witnesses included Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force officers; state and city police; F.B.I. agents; weather observers, shipmasters, astronomers, and thousands of good solid American citizens. I learned later that many witnesses had been investigated by the F.B.I. to weed out crackpot reports.

I ended up badly puzzled. The evidence was more impressive than I had suspected. It was plain that many reports had been entirely suppressed, or at least kept out of the papers. There was something ominous about it. No matter what the answer, it was serious enough to be kept carefully hidden.

If it were a Soviet missile, I thought, God help us. They'd scooped up a lot of Nazi scientists and war secrets. And the Germans had been far ahead of us on guided missiles. But why would they give us a two-year warning, testing the things openly over America? It didn't make sense.

I WENT to the Pentagon the next morning. I didn't expect to learn much, but I wanted to make sure we weren't tangling with security.

I'd worked with Al Scholin and Orville Splitt, in the magazine section of Public Relations, and I thought they'd tell me as much as anyone. When I walked in, I sprang it on them cold.

"What's the chance of seeing your Project 'Saucer' files?"

Al Scholin took it more or less dead-pan. Splitt looked at me a moment and then grinned.

"Don't tell me you believe the things are real?"

"Maybe," I said. "How about clearing me with Project 'Saucer'?"

Al shook his head. "It's still classified secret."

"'Look, Don," said Splitt, "why do you want to fool with that saucer business? There's nothing to it."

"'That's a big change from what the Air Force was saying; in 1947," I told him.

He shrugged that off. "The Air Force has spent two years checking into it. Everybody from Symington down will tell you the saucers are bunk."

"That's not what Project 'Saucer' says in that April report."

"That report was made up a long time ago," said Splitt. "They just got around to releasing it."

"Then they've got all the answers now?"

"They know there's nothing to it," Splitt repeated.

"In that case," I said, "Project 'Saucer' shouldn't object to my seeing their files and pictures."

"What pictures?"

"That one taken at Harmon Field, Newfoundland, for a starter."

"Oh, that thing," said Splitt. "It wasn't anything--just a shadow on a cloud. Somebody's been kidding you."

"If it's just a cloud shadow, why can't I see it?"

Splitt was getting a little nettled.

"Look, you know how long it takes to declassify stuff. They just haven't got around to it. Take my word for it, the flying saucers are bunk. I went around with Sid Shallett on some of his interviews. What he's got in the Post is the absolute gospel."

"It's funny about that April twenty-seventh report," I said, "the way it contradicts the Post."

"I tell you that was an old report--"

"I wouldn't say that," Al Scholin put in. "The Air Force doesn't claim it has all the answers. But they've proved a lot of the reports were hoaxes or mistakes."

"Just the same," I said, "the Air Force is on record, as of April twenty-seventh, that it's serious enough for everybody to be vigilant. And they admit most of the things, in the important cases, are still unidentified. Including the saucer Mantell was chasing."

"That business at Godman Field was some kind of hallucination," insisted Splitt.

"I suppose all those pilots and Godman Field officers were hypnotized? Not to mention several thousand people at Madisonville and Fort Knox?"

"Take it easy, you guys," said Al Scholin. "You've both got a right to your opinions."

"Oh, sure," said Splitt. He looked at me, with his grin back. "I don't care if you think they're men from Mars."

"Let's not go off the deep end," I said. "Tell me this: Did Shallett get to see any secret files at Wright Field?"

"Absolutely not."

"Then he had to take the Air Force word for everything?"

"Not entirely. We set up some interviews for him."

"One more thing--and don't get mad. If it's all bunk, why haven't they closed Project 'Saucer'?"

"How do I know? Probably no one wants to take the responsibility."

"Then somebody high up must not think it's bunk," I said.

Splitt laughed. "Have it your own way."

Before I left, I told them I was working with True.

"I want to be on record," I said, "as having told you this. If there's any security involved--if you tell me it's something you're working on--naturally I'll lay off."

Al Scholin said emphatically, "It's not an Air Force device, if that's what you mean."

"I doubt if anybody has the full answer," he said seriously. "There's been some hysteria--also a few mistakes. But many reports have been made by reliable pilots, including our own. You can't laugh those off."

"Some people think it's Russian."

"If it is, I don't know it," said Al, "and neither does the Air Force."

After I left the magazine section, I tried several officers I knew. Two of them agreed with Splitt. The third didn't.

"I've been told it's all bunk," he said, "but you get the feeling they've trying to convince themselves. They act like people near a haunted house. They'll swear it isn't haunted--but they won't go near it."

Later, I asked a security major for a copy of the Project "Saucer" report.

"We're out of copies right now," he said. "I'll send you one next week."

I asked him bluntly what he thought the saucers were.

"I doubt if anybody has the full answer," he said seriously. "There's been some hysteria--also a few mistakes. But many reports have been made by reliable pilots, including our own. You can't laugh those off."

As I drove home, I thought over what I'd heard. All I had learned was that the Air Force seemed divided. But that could be a smoke screen. In less than twenty-four hours, I received my first suspicious tip. It was about ten A.M. when my phone rang.

"Mr. Keyhoe? This is John Steele," said the voice at the other end. (Because of the peculiar role he played, then and later, I have not used his real name.) "I'm a former Air Force Intelligence officer. I was in the European theater during the war."

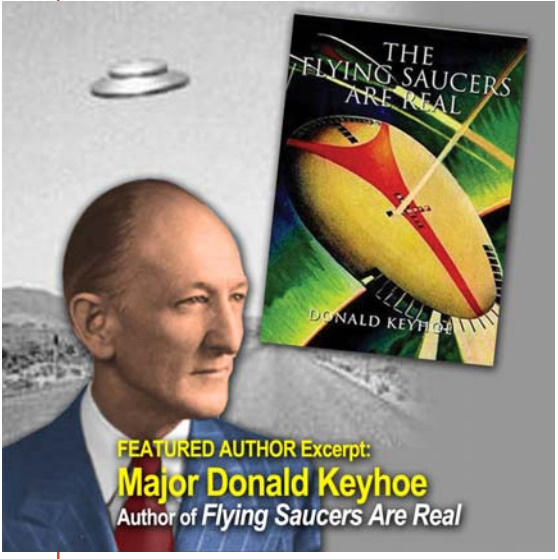
I waited. He hesitated a moment.

"I heard you're working on the flying-saucer problem," he said quickly. "I may have some information that would interest you."

"Mind telling me who told you I was on it?" I asked.

"No one, directly. I just happened to hear it mentioned at the Press Club. Frankly, I've been curious about the flying saucers ever since '45."

That startled me, but I didn't tell him so.



"Do you have any idea what they are?" Mr. Steele said.

"No, I've just begun checking. But I'd be glad to hear what you've got."

"I may be way off," said Steele. "But I've always wondered about the 'foo fighters' our pilots saw over Europe near the end of the war."

I thought for a second. "Wasn't that some kind of antiaircraft missile fired from the ground?"

"No. Intelligence never did get any real answer, so far as I know. They were some kind of circular gadgets, and they actually chased our planes a number of times. We thought they were something the Nazis had invented--and I still think so."

"Then who's launching them now?"

"Well, it's obviously either Russia or us. If it is the Soviet--well, that's what's worried me. I don't think it should be treated like a joke, the way some people in the Pentagon take it."

I stared at the phone, trying to figure him out.

"I'd like to talk it over with you," I said. "Maybe you've got something."

"I've given you about all I know," Steele answered. "There was an Intelligence report you might try to see--the Eighth Air Force files should have it."

"Wait a minute," I said. "Give me your number, in case I find anything."

He gave it to me without apparent hesitation. I thanked him and hung up, still wondering.

If it was an attempt at a plant, it was certainly crude. The mention of his former Air Force connection would be enough to arouse suspicion, unless he counted on his apparent frankness to offset it.

And what about the Press Club angle? That would indicate Steele was a newspaperman. Could this be merely an attempt to pump me and get a lead on True's investigation? But that would be just as crude as the other idea. Of course, he might be sincere. But regardless of his motives, it looked bad. Arid who had told him about me?

I thought about that for a minute. Then I picked up the phone and dialed Jack Daly's number.

"Jack, do you know anyone named John Steele?" I asked him. "I think he's a newspaperman."

"Nobody I know," said Jack. "Why, what's up?"

I explained, and added, "I thought maybe you knew him, and he'd heard about it from you."

"Hell, no," said Jack. "You ought to know I wouldn't leak any tip like that."

"It wouldn't be a tip--I don't know anything about this deal yet. By the way, when you were on the Star did you handle anything on 'foo fighters'?"

"No, that was after I left there. Bill Shippen would have covered that, anyway."

I told him I would look it up in the Star's morgue. Jack said he would meet me there at three o'clock; in the meantime he would see what he could find out about Steele.

Jack was a little late, and I went over the Star's file on the foo fighters. Most of the facts were covered in a story dated July 6, 1947, which had been inspired by the outbreak of the saucer scare. I copied it for later use:

During the latter part of World War Two, fighter pilots in England were convinced that Hitler had a new secret weapon. Yanks dubbed these devices "foo fighters" or "Kraut fireballs."

One of the Air Force Intelligence men now assigned to check on the saucer scare was an officer who investigated statements of military airmen that circular foo fighters were seen over Europe and also on the bombing route to Japan.

It was reported that Intelligence officers have never obtained satisfactory explanation of reports of flying silver balls and disks over Nazi-occupied Europe in the winter of 1944-45. Later, crews of B-29'S on bombing runs to Japan reported seeing somewhat similar objects.

In Europe, some foo fighters danced just off the Allied fighters' wingtips and played tag with them in power dives. Others appeared in precise formations and on one occasion a whole bomber crew saw about 15 following at a distance, their strange glow flashing on and off. One foo fighter chased Lieutenant Meiers of Chicago some 20 miles down the Rhine Valley, at 300 m.p.h., an A.P. war correspondent reported. Intelligence officers believed at that time that the balls might be radar-controlled objects sent up to foul ignition systems or baffle Allied

radar networks.

There is no explanation of their appearance here, unless the objects could have been imported for secret tests in this country.

I read the last paragraph twice. This looked like a strong lead to the answer, in spite of the Air Force denials. There was another, less pleasant possibility. The Russians could have seized the device and developed it secretly, using Nazi scientists to help them. Perhaps the Nazis had been close to an atomic engine, even if they did fail to produce the bomb.

Jack Daly came in while I was reading the story again.

"I got the dope on Steele," he said. "He does pieces for a small syndicate, and I found out he was in the Air Force. I think he was a captain. People who know him say he's O.K.--a straight shooter."

"That still wouldn't keep him from giving me a fake tip, if somebody told him it was the right thing to do."

"Maybe not," said Jack, "but why would they want to plant this foo-fighter idea?"

I showed him the clipping. He read it over and shook his head.

"That's a lot different from disks three hundred feet in diameter."

"If we got the principle--or Russia did-building big ones might not be too hard."

"I still can't swallow it," said Jack. "These things have been seen all over the world. How could they control them that far away--and be sure they wouldn't crash, where somebody could get a look and dope out the secret?"

We argued it back and forth without getting anywhere.

"I'd give a lot to know Steele's angle," I said. "If you hear anything more on him, give me a buzz."

Jack nodded. "I'll see what I can do. But I can't dig too hard, or he'll hear about it."

On the way out, I found a phone booth and called Splitt.

"Foo fighters?" he said. "Sure, I remember those stories. You think those are your flying saucers?"

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I could hear him snicker.

"Just checking angles," I said. "Didn't the Eighth Air Force investigate the foo fighters?"

"Yes, and they found nothing to back up the pilots' yarns. just war nerves, apparently."

"How about a look at the Intelligence report?" I asked.

"Wait a minute." Splitt was gone for twice that time, then he carne back. "Sorry, it's classified."

"If all this stuff is bunk, why keep the lid on it?" I demanded. I was getting sore again.

"Look, Don," said Splitt, "I don't make the rules."

"Sure, I know--sorry," I said. I had a notion to ask him if he knew John Steele, but hung up instead. There was no use in banging my head against the Air Force wall.

The next day I decided to analyze the Mantell case from beginning to end. It looked like the key to one angle: the question of an Air Force secret missile. Unless there was some slip-up, so that Mantell and his pilots had been ordered to chase the disk by mistake, then it would be cold murder.

I couldn't believe any Air Force officer would give such an order, no matter how tremendous the secret to be hidden.

But I was going to find out, if possible.

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ALIEN INSTALLATIONS AND UNDERGROUND BASES

By Christi Verismo

AUTHOR'S NOTE: *This report results from two years of part time investigation of recent developments in Australia which appear to indicate that some unusual and urgent preparations are being made to turn Australia into a self sufficient "safe haven."*

An article was sent to the Rumor Mills news site anonymously about recent developments in Australia preparing it to be a safe haven for the global elite during a One World Government with martial law. An alien invasion may also be impending. http://rumormillnews.com/FORTRESS_AUSTRALIA.htm. It appears to be written by an Australian former government insider. Here is a short summary. In 1989 Australian emergency services began to be upgraded and military reservists encouraged and the National Safety Council was started for this (NSCA).

Police, Fire and Ambulance services are now under one roof and sold to a company called 'Intergraph Inc' which is a specialized American communications company said to be closely connected to the NSA.

In 1976 an American John Fredrich, backed by the CIA joined and becameexecutive director in 1982. It expanded rapidly with an elaborate base in Gippsland, Victoria containing a private air force and marine section. Australian intelligence were trained by the CIA. NSCA provided security back up to all the American secret bases in Australia including the new Omega bases in Victoria and Tasmania.

The U.S. Air force conducted joint training exercises with the NSCA. The association with the East Sale secure RAAF base was a close one and is often used by NASA U2 flights and other unexplained U.S. aircraft. It is also the repository of secret UFO information and Frederick Valentich attended for a special course relating to UFOs before he disappeared over Bass Strait in 1978 while reporting a close encounter with a large UFO.

So concerned was Valentich about what he had seen and been told at Sale that he emotionally told his parents shortly afterwards that "should they take me I should be O.K. so don't worry, they will probably put me back."

NSCA is said to be closely involved with the UFO problem and can effect retrievals on land and from the great ocean depths. Their private airline for did drug running and moving laundered money in and out of Australia. Freidrich flew in an executive jet in U.S. colors and the CIA insignia on the tail and his ex personal pilot mentioned three occasions he collected him from Pine Gap where was always waiting alone on the vacant airstrip.

A new headquarters is being selected near Canberra probably in underground facilities in the Snowy Mountains. It is a vast system capable of supporting thousands of people and connected to Canberra by a secret, underground railway. There is now an integrated military force that is coordinated with all emergency services and police organizations. The

machinery of a police state is firmly in place and total military control could be established in a few hours. In 1996 the Australian army, air force and navy were coordinated under a single Commanding officer. New training methods for the police have been adopted and 'state of the art' equipment purchased.

The FBI has been helping restructure in line with the American system. This includes specialized training courses in 'Advanced Interrogation Methods.' Wackenhut Inc, owned by a former FBI senior officer that is still in contact with them and the CIA, is privatizing Australian prisons.

Rumors persist of internment camps in prohibited military areas. Wackenhut Inc is supplying hundreds of kit form tent prisons, razor wire and electric fencing. In 1975 Prime Minister Whitlam resented America's secret bases at Pine gap, Narrunga and NW Cape.

Ironically Pine Gap helped Whitlam's removal by carrying secret communications between Washington and Australia. The spy Christopher Boyce read the top-secret coded traffic going to and coming from Pine Gap that indicated that America was destroying the Australian Govt. His supervisor, named the Governor General, who sacked Whitlam as 'our man Kerr'. Boyce saw daily instructions sent to C.I.A. field officers, Australian union leaders, politicians, senior public officials and many others on the payroll. Pine Gap made it easy.

The deputy P.M. Dr. Jim Cairns, claimed the Americans would mount a violent overthrow of the government if they did not succeed by clandestine means. Saying 'I believe there is a strong chance the Americans will try to do to us what they have just done in Chile, we could all be killed in the process.' He was serious.

The Pine Gap Operation

A scientist among Australia's elite in a key position revealed: There are at least ten top-secret American facilities in Australia with the so called 'Joint defense Space Research Facility' at Pine Gap being the most important.

Originally Pine Gap was decreed to control and act as a downlink for geosynchronous satellites gathering intelligence, stationed over the Pacific and Asia by the CIA, NSA and the NRO. Pine Gap's position is for its proximity to the Pacific and Indian Oceans and Asia, and window to outer space. Its position on the earth's surface in relation to other important areas situated on the planet, its isolation and situation in an area of low electromagnetic radiation. Construction was undertaken entirely by American contractors who flew in their own workforce from the US on a shift basis. The base became operational after two years.

Large underground facilities are rumored to extend some twelve levels below the base. Long tunnels are laid out in a pattern similar to the spokes of a wheel and extend several miles from the center of the base. In a deep-shielded underground chamber a secret nuclear reactor similar in size to those used to power submarines was installed to drive large AC and DC generators. It also has an 'official' above ground diesel powered generating station that is not connected to an outside electricity supply.

Reportedly, extending some 20,000 below the base is a bore-hole containing an ultra low frequency antenna which is apparently used for secret experiments supposedly related to Nicola Tesla's resonance theories as well as low frequency communications throughout the world. Pine Gap's communication systems are the most sophisticated available utilizing satellites, microwave, low frequency and their own dedicated cable to the USA.

They are directly connected to Nurrunga, North West Cape, Geraldton, Australian Defence Signals Directorate in Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, all CIA and NSA stations, ASIO, SIS and the Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation which deals with UFOs and crash retrievals.

Weekly personal shopping is undertaken in the U.S.A. Pine Gap is a multi-billion dollar operation of great importance to the American government. Pine Gap has eight white radomes placed near groups of long low buildings.

A few miles from the base has a double security fence patrolled continuously by American guards and the Australian Federal Police Force. Pine Gap is now being expanded. A second above ground power station is now under construction as well as a large number of houses for additional staff. The staff was increased to around 1,200 in 1996. The reason given is "Asian economic espionage".

UFOs Seen Near Pine Gap

The Fortress Australia writer says Central and South Australia has always had high UFO activity focusing on the Woomers rocket-range and the nuclear test site at Maralinga. Since construction started at Pine Gap and later at Nurrunga, there was a rapid rise in UFO sightings, which have continued, some being described as bizarre.

One case in 1989 involved three hunters who were on an all night shooting trip in the hills near Pine Gap. At around 4.30a.m. they observed a large camouflaged door open on the side of a low hill inside the security compound and a metallic, circular disc appear from the gaping black hole, tip on its edge and disappear vertically at tremendous speed.

The door then slowly shut and everything returned to normal. The camouflage was so good that from their vantage point they were unable to observe anything unusual about the area after the door closed.

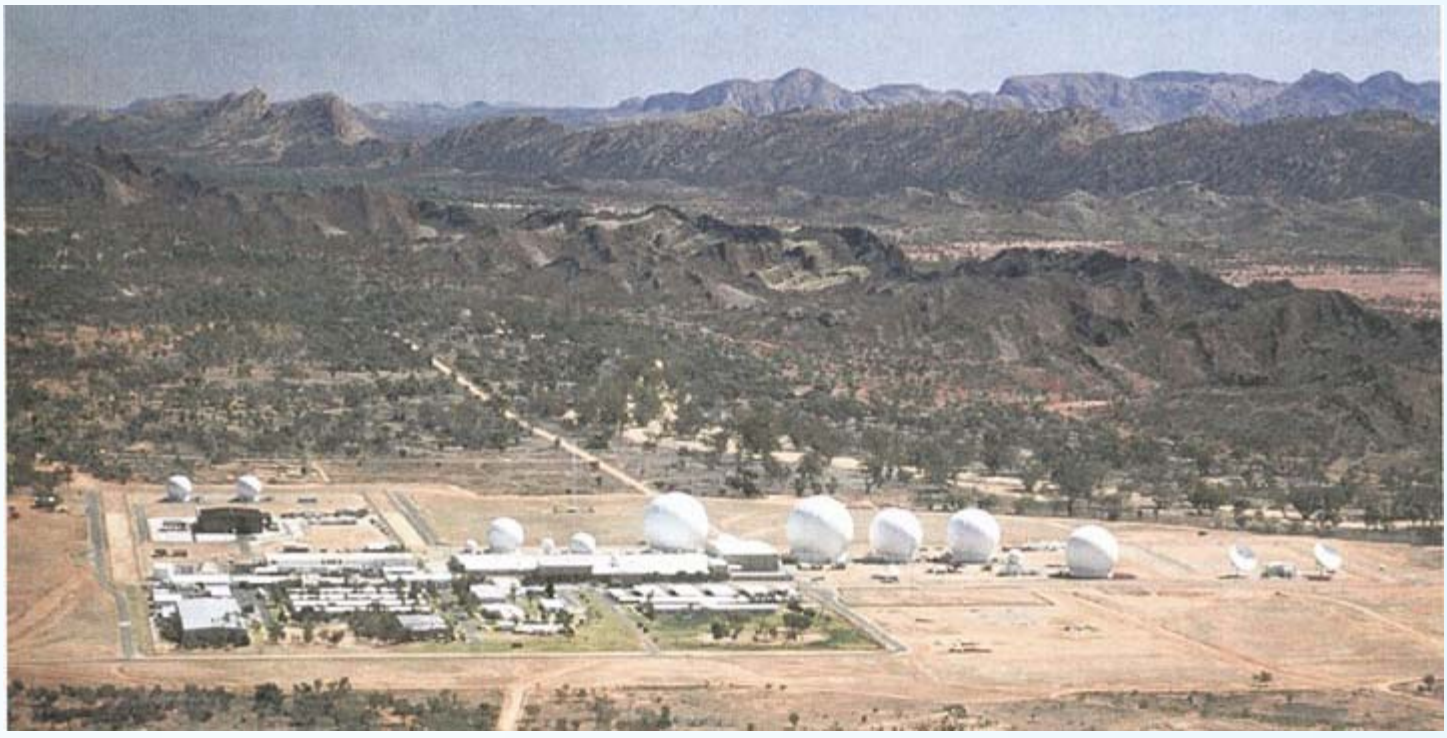
In 1975 the occupants of a passenger plane which was passing, observed a large white object, similar in size to one of the white radomes, suddenly leapt into the air and disappeared rapidly towards the north west. Most of the passengers and crew witnessed the event.

In 1980 a camouflaged door case occurred when two members of the Northern Territory Police, who were taking part in a search for a missing Alice Springs child, watched as three 'bath tub' shaped objects flew slowly over the base and then one by one disappeared in to an oblong black hole in a hillside. This also occurred during the early hours of the morning and as the two police officers had arranged to meet other members of the search party they left without seeing the door close.

In 1973 another type of sighting involves, blue, red and gold pencil like beams. A man camped near Pine Gap saw a vertical shaft of very bright blue light emanating from the area of the base. His binoculars showed most of the base, 8 miles away as well as a strange looking object apparently hovering above it at a height he estimated to be around one thousand feet. Firstly he thought it was a cigar shaped balloon or blimp but this idea quickly evaporated when the object slowly tipped to a 45-degree angle exposing what appeared to be its top surface. The object was perfectly circular with a central dome. 1000 feet above the base the cartographer estimated the diameter of the disc to be a little more than half the distance between the Pine Gap base and the disc's bottom edge, making it between 500/600 ft in diameter. In the moonlight the disc appeared to be a dull grey color with a light yellow fuzz around its edge. A thin bright blue beam, like a rod, slowly extended
from the disc to the base – it slowly moved in a telescopic fashion from the disc and gradually extended behind the radomes.

A few minutes later the light beam retracted only to be followed by a similar blue beam slowly extending from the base to the disc. Followed by a gold colored beam that appeared very close to the blue one. After about thirty seconds both retracted back into the base.

This process continued for about forty minutes and ended when the disc made some rapid oscillations 'lit up like a neon sign' and ascended vertically at very high speed, disappearing in a few seconds. After he reported it he got a 'grilling' by some very officious people who warned him to keep silent about his experience otherwise he would be in for some very real trouble.



Alien Contacts

The Fortress Australia writer claims alien contact was possibly first achieved by the USA, with information from various sources indicating radio communication followed by personal contact occurred in the early 1950's. The Soviet Union and UK established their own contacts about the same time.

After some understanding was reached the initial methods of communication werecentralized in the USA with the Russians co-operating by the mid-1950s. This developed the secret establishment of the NSA by the Truman administration in November, 1954 to identify, monitor and establish reliable and secure communications with visiting aliens with which they are now deeply involved.

The aliens are pursuing their own agendas and reject interference from earth's officialdom or the broad masses they control. Alien involvement in Australia is similar to that of the USA, Europe and Russia. For some technological rewards and minor cooperation in other areas the E.T.'s conduct their own genetic experimentation and the exploitation of the country is generally totally unhindered by humans. They do what they want, as there is no way of stopping them.

During the 1950's and early 1960's the British were conducting nuclear testing in South Australia, test firing a variety of missiles at the Woomera Rocket Range. The UFO activity was so intense that it had to be suspended, often for several days, due to electromagnetic effects causing total electrical failure at the test sights. Woomera itself was often blacked out for hours by the close approach of the UFOs.

More than sixteen thousand feet of film was taken of a variety of vehicles crisscrossing the area. During the early 1950s both the USA and Russia made contact with two alien species that apparently often worked together on various scientific projects and joint military matters.

As many as seven other groups were visiting the planet not associated with the first two. They were unfriendly to them and each other and often directly hostile to humans. Secret official research at the time indicated that several of these groups appeared to be preparing a huge world wide military operation or police action against the earth. So friendly co-operation with the first two groups became even more important.

Technical help provided by the two initial contact groups brought accelerated technology and made the development of SDI a real possibility. In return for our governments allowing these aliens secret exploitation of the planet and human race, they would provide the technical know how to prevent further major wars and stop any other interested extraterrestrials from invading the planet.

It has been said with some authority that they are the brains behind SDI (Star Wars) the extension of which is HAARP that is aimed at creating an electromagnetic shield around the world to prevent an attack from outer space. The Russians have actively co-operated since its inception.

Such advanced defense systems required world wide coverage involving operational centers in secure areas in several countries. Australia is utilized for this purpose. Pine Gap involves secret scientific experiments into anti gravity and magnetic propulsion. Though its communication functions are important its research and developments sections situated below the surface are considered vital to the future of the planet. Here extraterrestrials conduct their work in partial co-operation with human scientists. They live in special conditions in virtual isolation and come and go as they please. The final stages of SDI including the HAARP system should be functioning by 1998/99 and if necessary its entire worldwide operation will be controllable from the network of secret bases in Australia. We can only guess who controls it. UFO Accidentally Seen In Hangar The Fortress Australia writer also said the East Sale RAAF base in Victoria, NASA makes extensive use of the facilities on a regular basis and many other American and foreign nationality aircraft have been seen there along with other strange aircraft operating mainly at night time, which appear like American Stealth fighter planes.

Since the late 1940's, in co-operation with the United States and other major world government authorities East Sale has become a major UFO research establishment including crash retrievals. During the 1980's four people from a TV station attended the opening of a building at RAAF East Sale. One such hanger had two side doors were partly open so they decided to take a look inside.

Towards the rear of the hanger was a large metallic grey disc like object standing on three short legs. It was about sixty feet in diameter with a central height of about eighteen to twenty feet. Scaffolding was arranged around the objects right hand side with a platform extending to what looked like a curved doorway situated near the top of the object. They also noticed what appeared to be small square windows on each side of the doorway and evenly spaced around the top of the object.

They videotaped it noticing surface markings similar to Korean

script. There was an elderly man talking to two smaller men, the size of five-year-old children in the center of the office area. They were looking at drawings on a small table and didn't notice the cameramen. The tall man looked up and appeared puzzled by the two cameramen. He walked to the door and asked them if HQ needed more pictures and why hadn't they called him about it. The TV men replied that they had nothing to do with HQ. The man's expression had absolute horror. The intruders met four guards who confiscated the film.

Tidbinbilla tracking station

Has Hubble Spotted an Alien Invation?

The Tidbinbilla tracking station, jointly established between UK, USA and Australia close to Canberra is the most important in Australia. It is a vital control center for the Hubble orbital telescope.

The first images received by Tidbinbilla found that virtually every star has a solar system. The truth angered the American control-room staff that the Australians and British now knew. Hubble now operates satisfactorily and photographs are airbrushed before release.

Parks Radio Telescopes

The Parks Radio telescopes according to a government source first detected intelligent signals from outer space more than twenty-five years ago. It has been involved with the SETI program. Parks hit rate was alarmingly high so the plug had to be pulled in 1995 before too much leaked out. Intelligent radio and television signals were identified in several parts of the galaxy and emanating from areas up to three thousand light years away from the earth. It's classified above top secret that technical civilizations equal or superior to our own were very active more than three thousand years ago. They captured enhanced television pictures showing the daily lives of a number of alien civilizations of ages past and still do.

NSA has close co-operation with Parks and has liaison staff posted there on a full time basis, as an outpost of the NSA's vital intelligence gathering network. Nothing is sure, only that obvious and massive preparations are being made to protect and secure the Australian continent from a cataclysmic event. No doubt time will tell.

The Fortress Australia author would like to mention that as far as possible the information contained in this report was checked and where possible attempts were made to verify it. However it has to be borne in mind that some information may contain some inaccuracies due to the impossibility of verifying source material. Never the less, the author considers the majority of the information well founded and truthful.

It should also be pointed out that many of the providers of this information required their identities to be covered in such a way that they could not be identified. This involved some minor alterations to the narrative to produce such cover and has not compromised the information described in any way. Rumors have persisted in Australia that all the initial SDI experiments and developments were successful and a large part of the system is fully operated and controlled by America's secret Australian and Antarctic bases

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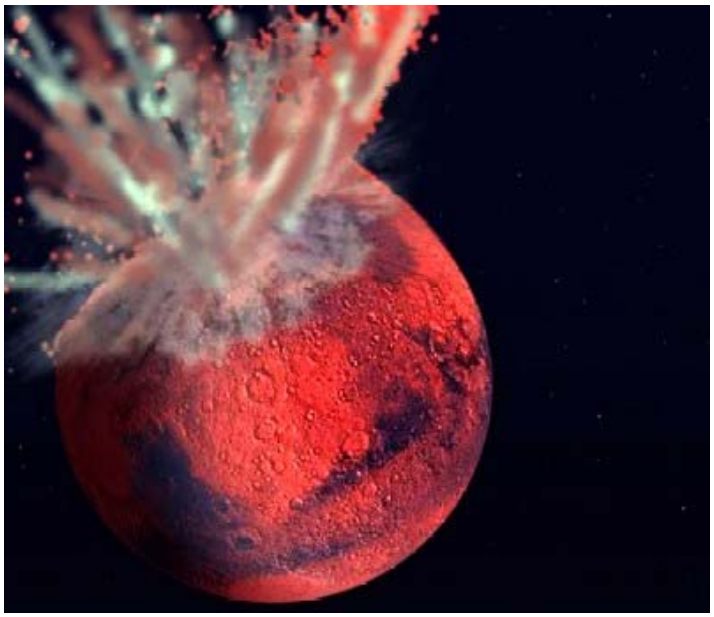
Mars Hit by Ancient Meteorite



Three teams of astronomers are proposing that Mars once survived the impact of some giant object from space that divided the entire planet's surface into two totally distinct regions: It must have been the biggest blast in the history of our solar system - the impact of a planetary bomb as powerful as a billion tons of TNT that scarred Mars nearly 4 billion years ago.

And if the theories are right, it blasted out the biggest crater that any planet has ever survived. It was a convulsion far bigger than the puny one that drove the dinosaurs to extinction on Earth only 65 million years ago. One region of the surface is the huge oval-shaped scar of the impact itself, covering more than a third of the Martian surface and including all the vast low-lying lands of the planet's far north where the Phoenix spacecraft is now digging up buried nuggets of ice. The other is the even larger highland region to the south, marked by deep canyons, high mountains and the remains of giant volcanoes.

The huge, dark elliptical scar with its thinner Martian crust in the north is more than 6,500 miles long and 5,300 miles wide, and few craters have punctured its smooth plains. Astronomers call it the Borealis Basin.

The other, covering virtually the entire southern hemisphere, averages up to 5 miles higher in elevation and is heavily cratered - an indication that its surface, untouched by the impact, is older than the northern lowlands, scientists believe.

Astronomers from UC Santa Cruz, Caltech and MIT are proposing in three separate reports in the journal Nature Today that a giant meteorite or comet more than 1,200 miles in diameter - sped toward Mars at up to 21,600 miles an hour, crashed at a steep slant into the planet about 3.9 billion years ago, and blasted out the huge elliptical scar that now forms all of the planet's northern lowlands, while leaving the southern highlands relatively undamaged. And the giant crash, the scientists agreed, could even have happened without melting any large part of the planet. Said Nimmo in a statement from Santa Cruz: "The impact would have to be big enough to blast the crust off half the planet, but not so big that it melts everything." Thanks to NASA

Tests show Mars soil could grow crops

For ten years these files have claimed Mars has water and life based on out observations of Mars photography and analysis of Dr. Gilbert V. Levin's Viking experiments in 1976. In conversations with Dr. Levin and other scientists we feel it is evident that at least microbial life exits on Mars.

NASA reports, "Scientific tests of the recent Phoenix Lander soil samples indicate Mars soil could grow crops, has less acidity than expected with traces of magnesium, sodium, potassium and chloride. The analyzed soil resembles the upper dry soils in Antarctica. Sam Kouvanes of the Tufts University, Phoenix co-investigator and project leader for the wet chemistry investigation, explained that the one-inch into the surface layer the soil is very basic, with a pH of between eight and nine. The first chemistry results from Mars' northern plain reveal an environment more hospitable to life than some scientists had predicted, one that might allow future colonists to grow crops as familiar on Earth as asparagus and green

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beans. "We've found nutrients that could support life."

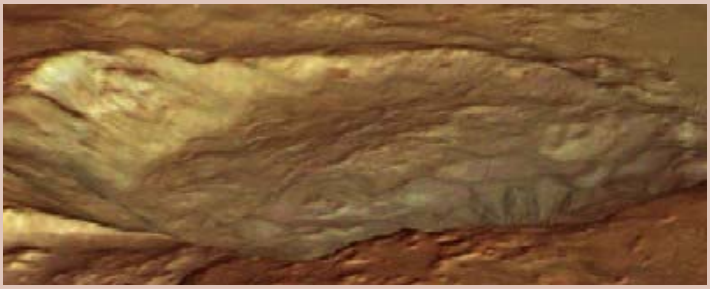
The test did not turn up the prize that the $420 million mission was sent to find: complex organics that would indicate Mars once was, or still might be, habitable.

Further, even though the soil chemistry would provide some nutrients for life, any future crops would have to be grown underground, because the meager Martian atmosphere lets in too much of the sun's destructive ultraviolet rays. Thanks to NASA

Mars Hale Crater Has Possible Mining

Gordon J. Gianninoto, writes, " I decided to play with the Mars Hale Crater photo to get rid of the smoothing and, for myself, see if I could duplicate the views showing almost the entire crater floor developed with roads and buildings and plots of land and I was quite successful. But then I decided to look more closely at the terrain above the crater, and much to my surprise, I discovered the crater above and to the left of Hale has clear evidence of roads and excavation typical of mining minerals. Then I noticed the face of the ridge above the right side of the crater shows terracing and mining typical of excavation of minerals.

Then inside the center, but at the top area of the crater view I discovered more evidence of mining and terracing, and, [although it is not possible to see more], ridge lines indicate that it is possible that a road valley links what I call areas 1, 2, and 3. Actually the best view I got was by going higher contrast and then making a negative color image. It is very clear the floor of the crater has roads, buildings, plots of land in an impressive area. I think my high contrast B&W conversion shows this most clearly at the lower right hand corner of Hale crater. I know some of the work you did shows multistory buildings with entrances and driveways and balconies, so all in all, Hale Crater is an amazing and busy place. All in all, this seems to be a major developed area of considerable size with, I would guess, a matching population. How anyone can look for "life" on Mars the size of microbes when this picture, when you get rid of the NASA blurring, looks more like flying over Colorado.



You have my permission to use my photo enhancement work, and or my ideas as you see fit. I have been working with digital photography since 1996 and have been a professional photographer since I was 12. I state unequivocally that none of these 'development areas' in Hale Crater are artifacts such as pixelization. This is the real deal. Clearly this photo was abused by the space agencies to hide what is really there.

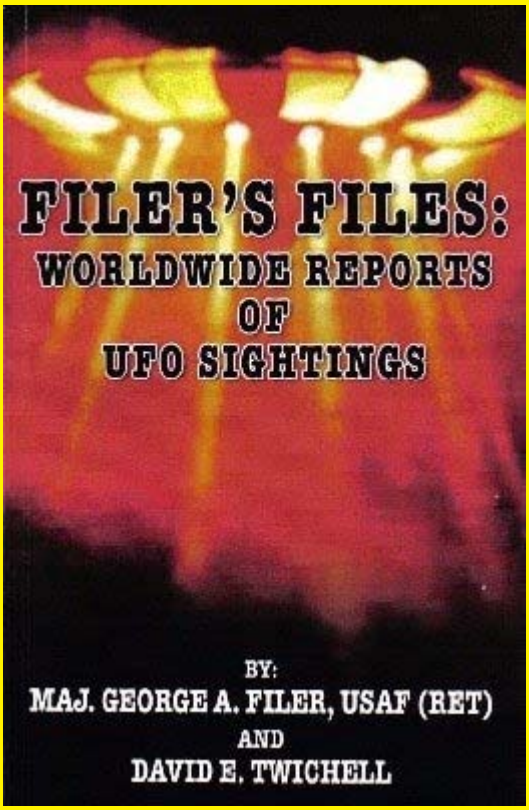
At one point Mars was clearly a planet with a large percentage of surface water. Then something happened to destroy that. I would guess this development has occurred since then. But who knows? Thanks to Gordon J. Gianninoto.

Life Was Found on Mars in 1976

The most compelling evidence of extraterrestrial life – microbial life – was already found on Mars. On July 20, 1976, after a 10-month journey 200 million miles from Earth, the first Viking Lander unfolded its spindly legs and touched down on the Martian surface. In a short time, the Viking camera began transmitting the Martian landscape showing blue skies and a scene similar to Arizona. There was much celebration and Indian tribes such as the Hopi claimed they were brought here from Mars eons ago. Babylonians most feared sky god was from Mars and the Egyptians had named Cairo after Mars.

Six weeks later, Viking Lander 2 set down in a more northerly location. Each Lander contained equipment for the detection of Martian life forms. One experiment examined gas changes inside a small chamber, where a portion of Mars soil was exposed to water vapor and a cocktail of nutrients. Another experiment looked for the synthesis of organic substances in separate Martian soil samples. The third experiment, the "labeled release" experiment, supplied a diluted solution of five nutrients, tagged with radioactive carbon to Martian soil.

The labeled release experiment was the brainchild of Dr. Gilbert V. Levin, who first brought the possibility of testing for life on Mars to the attention of NASA officials back in 1959. Levin, a Ph.D. in environmental engineering, knew that his invention of microbial radiorespirometry could be adapted for interplanetary missions. He called his invention Gulliver, remembering how Swift's fictitious character travelled enormous distances and discovered tiny Lilliputian creatures. His labeled release experiment, was chosen as one of three life detection experiments on the Viking mission. The book



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"Mars: The Living Planet," indicates the fix was in for the Viking Mission from the start.

When the first images from Mars arrived at JPL headquarters, they revealed a multi colored landscape eerily reminiscent of Arizona, complete with a blue sky. NASA staffer Ron Levin (no relation) looked on in amazement as a technician went from monitor to monitor, changing the settings so that the landscape and sky presented a uniformly orange and red appearance. Levin followed the technician, changing the settings back, only to be "chewed out" by James S. Martin Jr., Viking project manager.

Gil Levin later discovered that the order to change the monitor settings came from the top. One can only speculate why NASA wanted the Earth-like scenery twiddled with.

Shortly after landing the Viking 1's surface sampler arm extended and scooped up a small quantity of material. Retracting into the Lander, the arm then apportioned the sample for testing in the three experiments. On the eighth day of the Viking mission, team leader Gilbert Levin injected its sample with radioactively tagged nutrients. According to Barry DiGregorio, author of Mars: The Living Planet, the radioactivity was measured every 16 minutes. "By early evening on July 30, it was obvious that a significantly positive reaction was occurring. It looked very similar to the response from Earth soils that contained microorganisms." It appeared that something was metabolizing the nutrients. I spoke with Levin who definitely believes they discovered life on another world but it was not politically desirable to announce.

Over a two-month period on the Viking Mission, Levin and Straat conducted nine experiments. For his control samples, Levin heated the samples to 160 degrees Celsius, to destroy any living material that might be responsible for the observed reaction. When these samples were supplied with radioactively tagged nutrients, there were no reactions, consistent with the organic chemistry interpretation. Levin also discovered that the reactions seemed critically sensitive to a heating between 46 to 51 degrees, the range that might kill living organisms, but which have no effect on most inorganic compounds. I talked to Levin a few years ago and he is more convinced than ever that life was found on the planet in 1976.

The LR experiment indicated a strong possibility for the existence of microorganisms on Mars, why would NASA be so opposed to this interpretation. NASA decided that the evidence for life on Mars was ambiguous, life on Mars would change much of what we know about biology, the Theory of Evolution, life on other planets, and science in general so it was denied. Orthodox NASA scientists viewed the labeled release findings as the result of highly reactive compounds, called superoxides and peroxides that are only theoretical constituents of the Martian soil.

Although spending billions to reach Mars none of the subsequent missions have carried life detection equipment to settle the debate. In July of 2001, Joseph Miller, Ph.D., in the department of cell and neurobiology at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, announced, "The gas release signal itself not only had a circadian rhythm, but it had a precise circadian rhythm of 24.66 hours – which is the length of a Martian day." This data virtually proves that microbial life was actually found back in 1976. Miller. "I'd say it was a good 75 percent certain then, but with this discovery, I'd say it's over 90 percent. And I think there are a lot of biologists who would agree with me."

NASA's new announcement of water on Mars, that it was once a watery planet indicates it won't be long before they will spend another billion to confirm life on Mars. Thanks to Barry DiGregorio,

Correction to Statement Attributed to Admiral Hillenkoetter.

Timothy Good writes, "That statement you attribute to Adm. Hillenkoetter in FF #26, was in fact made by Col. Joseph J. Bryan III, first chief of the CIA's Psychological Warfare Staff and former aviation advisor to NATO, in a letter to Maj. Donald Keyhoe. Thanks to Timothy Good..

Hillenkoetter sent a very similar letter to Congress that was reported in the New York Times on 28 February 1960 stating, "Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs said former CIA Director and Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter. "But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense." He also charged that 'to hide the facts, the Air Force silenced its personnel' through the issuance of a regulation. 'I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about Unidentified Flying Objects,' he continued. "Two dangers are steadily increasing: 1. The risk of an accidental war from mistaking UFO formations for a surprise Soviet attack. 2. The danger that the Soviet Government may, in a critical moment, falsely claim the UFOs are a secret Russian weapons against which are defenses are helpless." Thanks to Timothy Good and to his great new book "Need to Know" on page 260.

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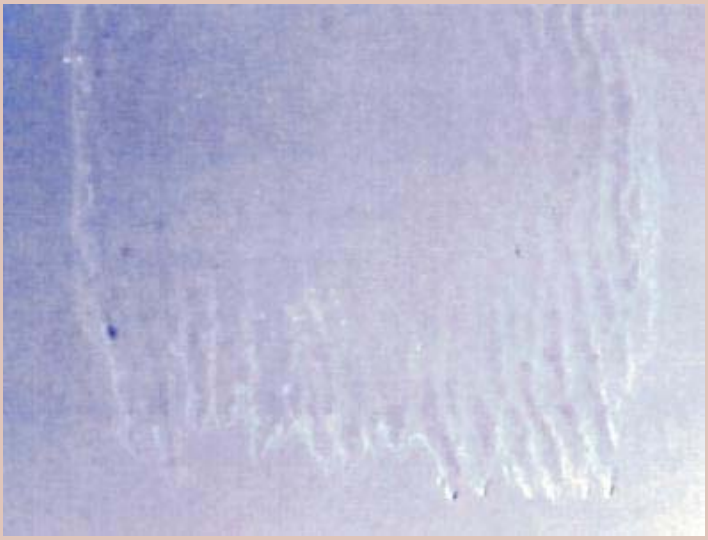
Alabama - Filming The Moon Produces Two UFOs

MOBILE — On June 19, 2008, the witness states, "I went down to the bay at 8:45 PM, to try my luck at obtaining a decent moon picture." The moonrise was quite stunning and I was able to get some pictures along with several shots of the I-10 interstate bridge along with the moon. After returning home, I found something strange in the two bridge/moon pictures. An object appears just above the interstate bridge in both pictures. It appears to be moving slowly as these are long exposures and the distance traveled by the cars on the bridge can be seen by the streaking red taillights. Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

California – Strange Clouds and Bright Lights



BALBOA ISLAND – On June 14, 2008, Judith Watson took a series of photos over the Pacific Ocean of these strange cloud like objects that appeared to come out of the ocean. Some dark objects that might be UFOs were also present. A series of photos by various photographers have shown strange

objects north of Catalina Island. Thanks to Judith Watson.

HUNTINGTON BEACH —My girlfriend and I recently saw a UFO about 1:00 AM, on June 19, 2008, in the Orange County area. We went outside my girlfriend's house in Fountain Valley when I noticed a helicopter, and to my right, I noticed a bright white light, with a tint of blue. My girlfriend was drawn to it more than me and then she asked me if it was a plane. I quickly turned and saw that it looked like a "fireball" but not of the color or a fireball. I started to say "No honey, I don't think it's...." then it disappeared. Thanks to MUFON CMS

DANA POINT — On June 21, 2008, at 1:15 AM (military time) my co-worker pointed out a light in the sky over the ocean seeming to be halfway between Dana Point and Catalina. It was a disk shaped craft that moved side to side in an inverted arc very fast. It was moving as though it was swinging on a pendulum. When the bottom swung up towards us it was very bright and very large. It had round blue lights along the outside of the circle and a red one in the middle. It moved back and forth for about a minute and disappeared behind a building. I have never seen a craft move like that and it was not of a shape I recognize. The lights were not blinking and they were very clear when the bottom turned towards us. When viewing from the side it was just blurry light swinging back and forth. I have never reported anything like this before because I have never seen anything that I could not explain with logic. Please let me know if anyone else saw it or if there is a logical explanation for what I saw.

Comments: No, there is no logical explanation for what the witness saw assuming his observations are accurate. We have received two other reports from the Dana Point area in 2008. One sighting occurred on May 4, 2008 and the other on May 26, 2008. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest http://ufosnw.com

I had purchased my self a new camera a (Olympus SP-570 UZ 10 megapixcel) not the best camera for the job I'm sure but I had gotten myself interested in UFOs and I would go out and look at the clouds and sky more often and take pictures extending my lens into the sky and I took lots of pictures and this one I found most interesting. It gets more detailed once downloaded on a pc. I do not know what this is. Through Mufon I am known as "schurle." Thanks to MUFON CMS

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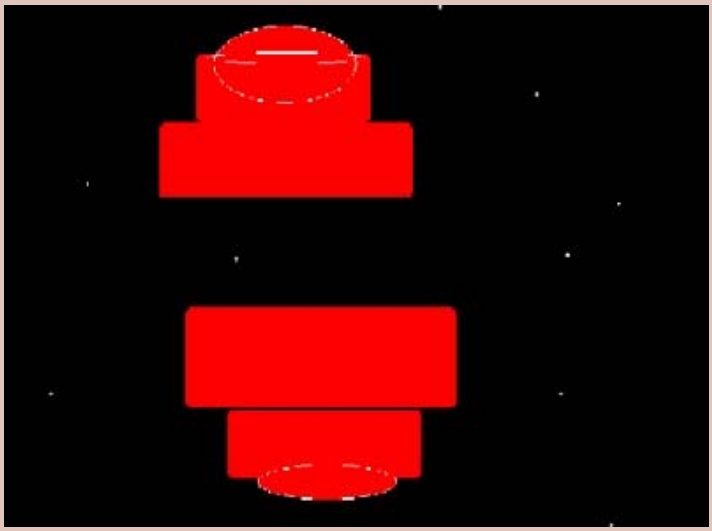
Lousiana Solid Red Lights



My wife, and my oldest daughter and I were driving east on June 27, 2008, coming from shopping and we noticed two strange solid red lights traveling north that I thought was a helicopter, but it was moving too slowly. It was silent and hovering slowly above the tree line about a mile away. We thought that is was not like anything we had seen before, because the lights were solid and stacked one on top of another with a space in between and the object seemed to be very large, maybe the size of a Greyhound bus. We turned north onto another road and then east again, moving closer to the object as the object descended downward and we lost site of through the trees. But this isnt the first time we've seen UFO's in this area , but it was the first time my oldest daughter saw one. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Michigan - Photo

CEMENT CITY — I didn't see the possible UFO until reviewing the hundreds of digital photographs taken over the course of one hour in a southern Jackson County Cemetery.

I shot with a Sony Cybershot DSC-H5, which is sensitive to the near-IR, and have been doing so for the past few months with a Lansing-area ghost hunting group (with some success). I visited a local cemetery for the first time to do some 'ghost fishing', i.e. go into a cemetery and shoot hundreds of digital photos in rapid succession to see if I capture anything anomalous.

On June 26, 2008, I shot for an hour starting at 8 PM. The only strange thing I photographed in the 500+ photos was possibly a UFO and not a ghostly apparition, mist or bright orb...the typical graveyard paranormal fare. When I initially looked at the image, I thought that perhaps I photographed the hat of a ghost materializing...but the closer I looked at it and the more detail that Photoshop pulled out of the source image, the more it appeared to possibly be a UFO. I've attached a cropped photo with magnified detail...a full, unaltered, un-processed image can be sent if you so desire. Thanks to MUFON CMS

New Hampshire - Blue Beams

LINCOLN — On June 20, 2008,I sighted an object that had green, blue beams of light coming from it. It was medium sized and then I saw others hurtling down from it. It circled around about ten times in a 5,000 foot range of the houses. It flew north, south, east and west before coming to a stop and bolting off at the altitude of maybe 50 to 60 thousand feet. Then it bolted off at outrageously high speeds and disappeared before I could take a picture of the actual UFO. I did take a picture of where it was and it's color was tea-like and brownish.

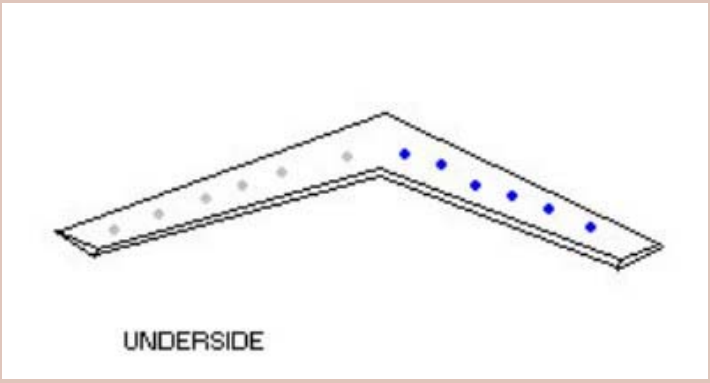
Comments: The witness has described something quite unusual assuming that his report is accurate. Subsequent information revealed that the witness is only 10 years old. He said that he found several similar reports while looking at various UFO websites. Given the age of the witness this report shouldn't entirely be discounted, but some. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest http://ufosnw.com

New Mexico - Lights

EL VADO — I took a photo of the lake in front of my house from inside my living room looking outward. There appears to be three bright lights that I thought were campfires. My husband told me that was impossible since no one is allowed to burn in the area. The photo was taken above the lake area into the Jicarrilla Apace mountain 25 miles south of Dulce.

There is unlikely to be campfires since there are no trespassing signs posted everywhere. I also notice streaks flying across the photo. All of my lights were off in my house so there was no way it could have been a reflection from inside my house. The speed was set at 1600/auto. It is a Canon G9. I would love to send you the photo to take a look at it and give me your opinion. Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

New York Triangular Shaped UFO



FAIRPORT — The object appeared to be triangle shaped with six or more brightly colored blue and white lights on the underside on June 17, 2008 at 8:30 PM.

The object rapidly moved left then right, then away, back to the right and then disappeared. (The object disappeared in mid-air.) I was unable to determine the size based on sight. No reports of the object appeared in the local media. The object emitted no sound.

Comments: The witness has sketched a commonly reported airborne object. The one exception is the color of lights on the underside. Most witnesses report that the lights are one color or absent. Given that overcast skies were reported at the time of the sighting, the object was likely flying quite low. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest http://ufosnw.com

STATEN ISLAND — I was talking with two friends on June 21, 2008, about 9:50 PM, on my friend's porch when he said, "What the heck is that?!" I turned and saw an orange balloon-shaped object with what looked like flames at the bottom of it that seemed to be floating upward not too far away above some trees. I first thought it was a hot air balloon, but as it started to move away, I immediately knew it wasn't. It moved away quite fast and my friend and I went after it while my other friend stayed. We ran after it, watching it, then we stopped about two blocks down. It continued moving extremely fast and as we watched it, after about 30 seconds, it went completely out off view. I captured a picture of it on phone, but only a small orange light is visible. Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

LONG ISLAND SOUND — On June 28, 2008, While attending a graduation party in the backyard of my friend's home, I was informed by a person sitting next to me to look up at the strange object. I thought it was a UFO. The object first rose up out of a wooded area then it hovered over the area at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. It began to swing back and forth for about 30 seconds and then departed very fast in almost a blink of an eye upwards and then disappeared out of sight. The object was about 12 feet in diameter and was a dark metallic charcoal colored tire inner tube shape, it had a clear dome on top, on the center bottom it had a continuous red strobe light.

I felt very surprised while seeing the object but somewhat reassured that there was about 35 other people with me who were also viewing the object. The object when it shot away at incredible speed headed North toward the Long Island Sound. A person at the party attempted to photograph the object but the perfectly good working camera would not function. A new set of batteries was placed into the camera thinking that the new batteries already in the camera were defective, however the camera refused to function. Once the UFO departed the area, the camera worked fine. Thanks to MUFON CMS

North Carolina - UFO Photo

SILER CITY – On June 25, 2008, from 1:30-2:15 PM, for the second time we've experienced unusual power surges and electrical problems in our home. Our A/C unit shorts out and catches fire after repair from the first event, computer went to blue screen of death, but recovered but without audio capabilities. Phone problems as well, I received a call from my own number, that when I picked it up emitted a high pitched popping noise. It was suggested to me to go outside and take pictures when these things occur. So I did. The picture of the Triangle/Shadow was taken at 1:30 pm and the Disk appeared in a picture that I took at approximately 2:15 pm.

There were airplanes in normal travel patterns, very high up. None of these things were visible to my eye at the time the photo's were taken. We live on top of a small ridge and are surrounded by heavy woods, then farm land into the rolling hills. We are located 10 miles from the nearest small town. These photo's were taken at the top of the ridge where my pole barn and horse pasture is located. I have a pretty clear view of the sky with the tree line evident. Other people in our area have experienced strange electrical problems according to the repair man, who has been busy fixing the problems. These pictures were taken with a Fujifilm Finepix S700 Digital camera on Auto setting. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

Pennsylvania - A Saturn Shaped UFO With Dome

MURRYSVILLE — On June 19, 2008, about 3:30 AM, my 12-year-old daughter was up (sneaking) talking on the phone to a friend and looking out her bedroom window at the moon, when a red-glowing pulsing craft came into view instantly. It was over a wooded valley in front of our house. It was a "Saturn" shaped disk with dome on top. It had a row of small white lights close to the lower edge that raced one at a time to the right, then traveled back again, repeating. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

1.Taking pictures of "weird" cloud formations and lights in the night sky on June 22, 2008..

2. The witness was downloading digital pictures into her laptop & saw the vortexes.

3. Vortexes.

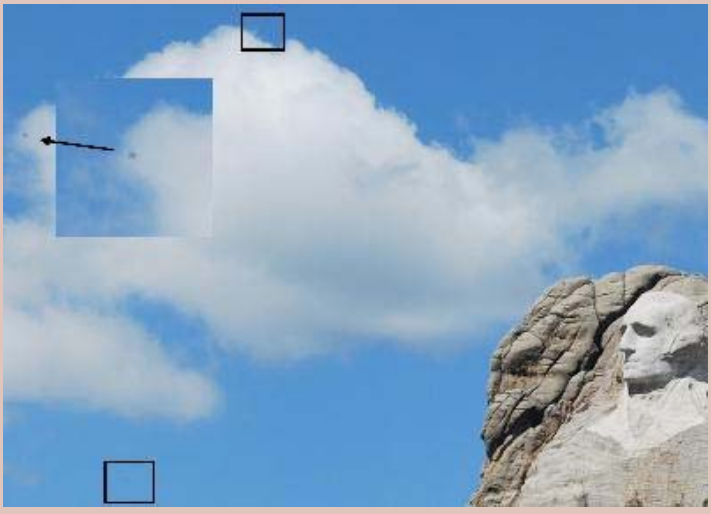
4. The Vortexes were hovering in the sky.

5. The witness had feelings of elation and obsession with watching the night sky due to several encounters/ observations of "weird" clouds & lights plus black helicopters in the area.

6. The objects just moved away.

Comments: The objects appear to move, but are likely reflections on the camera lens or the street lights

South Dakota Photo



RUSHMORE — We had taken our grandchildren to Mt. Rushmore for vacation and were going to the monument from Custer State Park, which is a very winding and narrow road. We made the curve and saw the huge monument and took pictures about 2-3 miles from the parking area. Being that far from the mountain while taking these pictures, we were unable to see the "objects" and of course didn't know if they made

noise or not.

The first picture was taken and nothing shows up. The second picture, however, shows some unusual egg shaped objects and other darker, blacker objects. The last picture is of the second picture with an enlarged pic of the egg shaped object. Maybe ET just wanted a view of our "National Treasure". Thanks to MUFON CMS

Texas - A Huge Triangular UFO Hovering

SPRING BRANCH — I was getting off work on Friday the 13th of June, as I was getting in my truck I saw a huge triangle object behind the building. Being curious I walked out a ways so that I could see behind the building. It was hovering pretty low and had one light on the bottom as if it was looking at something. I reached for my phone to take a picture and it flew off away from me pretty quick. Thanks to UFOINFO for this report. http://www.ufoinfo.com/

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Washington State - Disc

ELLENSBURG — On June 24, 2008, at 9:45 PM, I saw a very bright silver disc craft 40-50 feet long flying over Ellensburg, east of the Cascade Mountains. The object was hovering over the I-90 freeway about 100 feet in the sky. It shot down a beam of light onto a section of the freeway. It made a slight humming sound that you could barely hear. It hovered for about 5-10 minutes then disappeared from sight.

Comments: This sighting sounds "too good to be true." This sighting is suspect because our group received several hoaxes from this general area last year. Many of these descriptions paralleled the description for this case. The witness provided invalid contact information. Given this scenario this case is most likely a hoax. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest http://ufosnw.com

Australia - Bright UFO Above Creek

REDBANK CREEK ESK 4312 – On June 10, 2008 11:15 PM, object was approx: 1 to 2 meters in diameter surrounded by bright white lights and hovered above the creek at approx 2 meters. It moved at a slow pace and because of the brightness of the light and the angle being observed it was not possible to see a clear shape. It was totally silent as it moved and I observed the object for fifteen minutes. I and others have had a few sightings in the Brisbane area. Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

Canada - Stacks Of Sightings and Major Cattle Mute Incident

KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA — Brian Vike writes from Canada, "Holy cow, it appears the flood gates have opened and sighting reports are pouring in much faster than I can keep up." I received a telephone call from a person here in British Columbia. I was told of a massive cattle mutilation event that took place some years back. The farmer who owned the farm was bought out by the Canadian government lot stock and barrel as they say. Also the owner of the farm, and all farm hands were given "strict" instructions that they were not in anyway shape or form to talk about the cattle mutilation incident. So I am waiting on more information so I can start looking into the matter.

If anyone has heard of a cattle mutilation over the years, please contact Brian Vike - Director of HBCC UFO Research (hbccufo@telus.net) or you can contact Barb Campbell at: barb@uadresearch.com

WHITBY — There has been a series of intense storm activity here in Southern Ontario and June 23,2008, there were several reports around Toronto of funnel cloud formations along with hail. On that day I looked west towards Whitby and a sudden impulse to stop the car and take a couple of pictures of the cloud formations. My hunch was correct, that I would capture a UFO in one of the pictures. This picture was taken 6:58 PM. The photo clearly illustrates a round intense " white-blue " light- UFO at a distance. The weather here has been really weird i.e., blue patches of sky -nice cool days. The photo proves once again, we are NOT alone. Thanks to Paul Shishis

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – On June 29, 2008, after Midnight I was watching the stars and enjoying a cigar on my 6th floor balcony when a helicopter got my attention. It had a search light on near English Bay beach, so I got my Hi8 video camera out and shot a bit. I kept the camera with me and saw a slow moving satellite to the south. I rolled my camera on it. I had a clear shot of it, with a star centered still in the frame. It seemed to speed up and then disappeared with a sharp zig zag maneuver. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

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Chile: UFO Over the Ariztia Plant

A photograph taken by Alejandro Pardo at the Ariztia Plant on May 4, 2008, shows a strange flying object. Alejandro works for an engineering consulting firm which is engaged in a survey of the pipe network of the plant in question, which is located in the community of Monte. The image correspond to the photographic record of the facilities (taken with a Samsung U-CA 3 camera). Photo courtesy: Guillermo Aguilera (Translation (c) 2008, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid) posted by Inexplicata

Mexico: UFO Photographed During San Marcos Fair

AGUASCALIENTES —Ana Luisa Cid writes: Mr. Mario Castaneda Marquez took this photo during the San Marcos Fair in Aguascalientes state of, Mexico. According to his eyewitness account, it was taken during the preparation of the Los Voladores de Papantla ritual in front of the San Marcos Church. The date was April 30, 2008, the time 12:35 hrs., and a DSC P-43 Sony camera was used. (Translation (c) 2008, S. Corrales, IHU.

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Weekly UFO Reports From Around The World

UK Police Chase UFO

CARDIFF — Seems the U.K. is having an upswing in reported UFO sightings. With the major UFO event that just took place where a police helicopter was involved in a UFO incident. Of course I would certainly like to hear from anyone observing UFO sightings in the U.K. Also anyone knowing anything about this recent major sightings. You can write to me through the HBCC UFO Research website or directly to me at hbccufo@telus.net I have provided this link to a newspaper article *Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff *

MANCHESTER – A Royal Navy aircraft engineer allegedly spotted a disc shaped UFO hovering over the major highway M-5 between Manchester and London. Michael Madden, 25, said he watched in disbelief as the disc-shaped object floated above his head before it "zoomed off at incredible speed". He said the unidentified flying object flew for up to three minutes above junction 21 of the M5, near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. Mr Madden was on his way back from Manchester with colleague Michael Casson, 22, at 9.50 PM on Sunday June 29 when he saw the suspected 'extra-terrestrial' craft. Thanks to the http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/2226748/UFOs-spotted

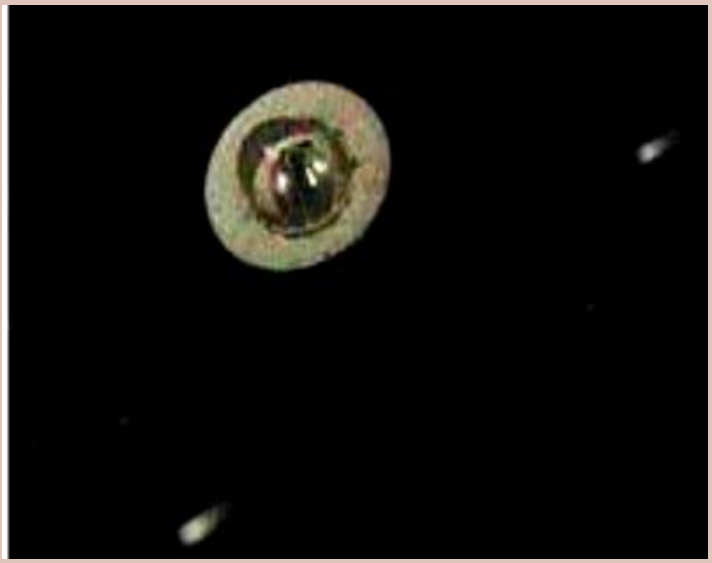
COALVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE — I was driving from the A42/M42 towards Bardon Hill quarry 0n June 11, 2008, at 3 PM, and in the sky ahead was a silvery disk. It was stationary then moved rapidly to the left then further to the right then ascended up and out of sight. I would put this object at 10000 feet. There was a passenger plane at cruising altitude above and a helicopter about half a mile away. I'm sure they would have seen it. If anyone saw it please email me.

WHITCHURCH, BRISTOL — I saw a black disc shaped stationary object very high in the sky on June 14, 2008 Approx: 11:40 PM,. I would say it was at least 30,000 ft. It was nearly overhead but in a south easterly direction from my viewpoint. I only managed to see it when the sun was obscured behind a cloud and the black disc was then visible. It stayed where it was as if hovering. The sun was reflecting off it and it was very sparkly. Once the sun emerged again it was just too bright to see even with sunglasses. I tried to locate it again but was unsuccessful. I would be interested if anyone else in the area saw it too. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

WEMBLEY — This metal globe shaped something was flying from west towards east June 22, 2008 6:20 PM, above just under the clouds. There were the usual commercial planes in the sky as well (flying from south towards north). As its colour was dark grey (metal) and the sun was shining on it, I could see the object even in a really far distance while it was before the white clouds or blue sky (through my sunglasses, without them the sky was too bright). My girlfriend was there with me and she said" it was definitely not an airplane but UFOs are not existing". The speed was enough fast to disappear within 35-40 sec. behind the clouds at the edge of the horizon. You can't see any airplanes that far without binoculars. The exact flying direction was above Preston road. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com

BRADFORD, WEST YORKSHIRE — I was sat at my computer which is sort of next to the window on June 25, 2006, at 7:18 PM,. I just happened to be looking out and I noticed a really large circular object in the sky. I cannot fully describe this object, other than it was round shaped and looked to be black or a really dark grey in colour and it was quite far in the distance. It didn't have any specific features which I could point out. It wasn't moving, it just looked as if it was

sitting in the sky and it was present for approximately 15 to 20 seconds. Before I even got my phone to record the object, it had disappeared. I am 100% certain that this was not a bird, plane, helicopter, balloon or even a spec of dirt on the window. Thanks to BrianVike, HBCC UFO Research http://www.hbccufo.com



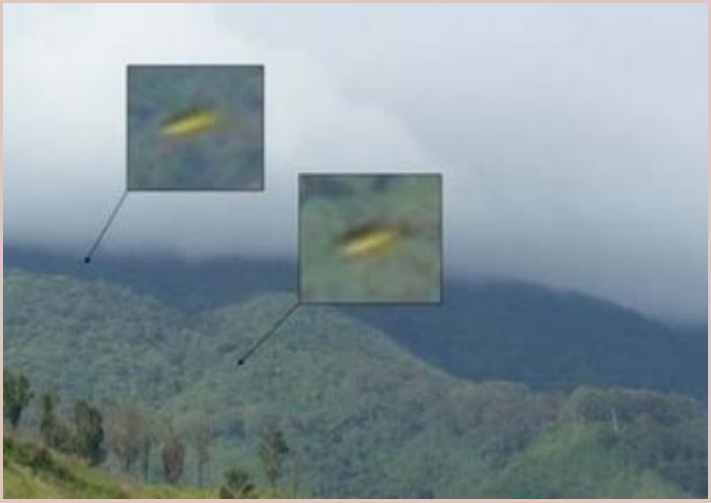
HAMPSHIRE — Remarkable new evidence of UFOs in the skies over Hampshire can be revealed today by the UK Daily Echo News. Readers captured these bizarre images of what appear to be flying saucers zooming through our skies.

The UFOs were snapped over Beaulieu and Woolston by pure accident and only noticed days later by the photographers. Hampshire has been in the grip of an X Files-style UFO mystery after black triangles were seen flying over Millbrook and Shirley in recent months. Last week the Echo thought it had explained the phenomenon - a mini-hot air balloon made out of four black bin bags. But the latest sightings are clearly something completely different - and remain a mystery. Thanks to http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/

Scotland - A Huge Circular UFO Stationary

TRANENT EAST LOTHIAN — My girlfriend (now wife of 27 years) and I were walking from my house in Tranent to the pub (stone cold sober at this time) to celebrate the forthcoming new year festivities on December 31, 1979, at about 8:00 PM, when we saw a huge circular object stationary above Cockenzie power station, East Lothian. It was approx 100m in diameter and bright orange, hovering approx 50m above the two chimneys. There was a small cone shaped tail rather like the exhaust from a jet engine but there was no noise. I turned to my wife and asked her if she could see this as I thought that I was seeing things. She confirmed yes, she could.

Venezuela UFO Photos



http://ovnivenezuelagrupo.blogspot.com/ writes:

CARACAS - On Saturday, June 15 in the afternoon I was able to photograph fortuitously two objects with a strange appearance in the vicinity of Cerro El Avila around San Jose - Cotiza, while attempting to record the wake of an aircraft after it crossed the skies over Caracas. The vehicle moved in a southeast - northeast direction and viceversa, generating a sort of "gaseous tissue" in the heights, white in color and of broad dimensions, which took approximately 30 minutes to vanish The objects were photographed with a Panasonic Lumix digital camera, 6.0 mpix, and maintained a considerable distance with regard to the flight trajectory followed by the aircraft. (Translation (c) 2008, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Hector Escalante)

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Jackie Gleason's UFO Encounter

by Bill Knell

Jackie Gleason will always be remembered as one of America's greatest comedy talents. Born in Brooklyn, New York City, I guess you could say that he was a graduate of the school of hard knocks. Maybe that's why he always seemed to work harder the everyone else. When it come time for him to get a show on TV, he wanted to own it! Unheard of in the days of early TV, Gleason often penned deals that allowed him to produce most of his own shows.

Everything Gleason did, he did with great passion. Every script for the TV shows had to be just the way he envisioned it. No one was ever allowed to step out of character. Camera shots and angles were always set up the way he wanted them. The passion also extended into his personal life. Fascinated by Flying Saucers and the unexplained, he ultimately assembled one of the world's greatest parapsychology, UFO and occult libraries. The bulk of it resides today at the University of Miami Library.

In 1982 I was a guest on a talk show at a Miami radio station. The subject was UFOs and the Paranormal. After the show, I was handed a note by the receptionist. This often happened when I did radio guest spots because some people preferred to share their own UFO or Paranormal experience with me off the air. While walking to my car, I took a quick look at the note. It said, "Please call Mister Gleason at…." When I arrived back at my hotel room, I called the number, asked for Mister Gleason and gave my name. An assistant got on the phone and informed me that Jackie Gleason wanted to speak to me, if possible, the next day at a Fort Lauderdale location. Needless to say, I accepted the invitation!

The meeting location was a bar at the Jolly Roger Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. Now I don't know if Gleason owned the hotel or merely had friends there, but after stopping by the front desk, I was escorted to a small bar that was closed to the public at that time of day. Gleason sat at a table like a king holding court, but looked older and weaker then I had imagined he would. I wondered why Gleason hadn't met me in any one of his favorite Miami haunts, but it may have been that this was supposed to be a low profile event. Either way, I knew that Gleason was a serious guy who hated small talk and I wasn't about to ruffle his feathers.

After a brief handshake, Gleason asked me a number of questions about my UFO and Paranormal investigations. We talked for about an hour and a half. Actually, he asked questions and I answered them. "You know I get your newsletter," he said knowingly. "Good stuff!" He was especially interested in articles that covered the topic of crashed UFOs. At that time a lot of buzz had been created by former military officers who had begun to speak of their involvement with the cover-up of UFO crashes.

Out of the blue, Gleason told me how that Richard Nixon was a good friend of his. He had supported Nixon in every

possible way during his successful bid for the Presidency in 1968. In 1971, Jackie Gleason attended a small White House dinner. After dinner, Gleason spoke privately with Nixon. He asked the President if there was anything that Nixon could tell him about UFOs? Were they real? Were they Alien Spacecraft? According to Gleason, Nixon told him, "Well Jackie, if you can arrange to arrive at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa sometime in the next few days, I'll arrange to have you shown some things that may help answer your questions!"

Gleason arrived in Tampa, Florida, a day and a half later. After calling a phone number provided to him by someone on Nixon's staff, he headed out to MacDill AFB. After arriving on the base, he was taken to a dark colored building that appeared to be some sort of storage facility. Once inside, he had to pass through several levels of security. Finally, Gleason was escorted into a large room where some strange debris lay on the floor. An officer told him, "This material is from Roswell." No emotion, just a matter of fact statement.

The officer handed Gleason a small piece which seemed almost weightless and very flexible. Just then, a light came on in the center part of the room. Jackie was astonished to see what looked like a large piece of a broken disc just floating a few feet above the floor. Warned not to approach it, Gleason still got an eyeful. But the surprises weren't over!

After just a few minutes, Gleason was escorted to another room. Three containers with glass plates for viewing greeted him. "These were the occupants found near the object you just saw." Again, with little emotion, the officer gave Jackie a one sentence description that spoke volumes. The beings were about four to five feet tall. Two of the bodies were badly damaged, but one was in very good shape. As Gleason looked at it, the officer said, "This one died later." It had large oval eyes, grayish skin and looked male. "Are they all males?" Gleason asked the officer. "Your guess is as good as ours." He answered Jackie with a slight smile. It was time to go.

The experience of seeing the object and bodies affected Gleason more then he first realized. Although he had a hit variety show on CBS, Jackie walked away from everything for a few years to study more about UFOs and the Paranormal. It wasn't until 1975 that he went back to work in a meaningful way.

If Gleason was affected by the experience he had, I was affected by his description of it! I met Jackie Gleason one more time at his New York estate. I didn't bring a camera on either occasion because appearing with celebrities wasn't what I was or am about. I was more interested in what Gleason, with millions of dollars to spend o the Paranormal, had learned about it. As things turned out, it was being owed a favor that brought him what he desired most. I just wish that he had brought a camera when he got to meet what may be the greatest celebrities on the earth, dead or living!

Note: When asked about it, Beverly McKittrick (Gleason's ex-wife)gave information to the press about Gleason's experience which appeared in one or more magazine and tabloid articles. She was to have included it in a book about him, but she never completed the project.

NOTE: Some well-meaning researchers have said this event occured at Homestead AFB instead of MacDill and involved both Gleason and Nixon. Beyond the fact that the standing order and policy of plausible denial would never allow Nixon to accompany Gleason on such a visit, it's not the story that I heard from Gleason or others that claimed knowledge of the visit.

It's also important to understand that Beverly McKittrick (married to Gleason from 1970-1975) had her version of the story published in a tabloid during the 1970s. It was also to be told in a book she was writing that was never published. She never mentioned the Base involved in either the article or the manuscipt.

Jackie Gleason

When I spoke to her on the phone in the 1990s, she said that she assumed it was Homestead because they lived closer to that base, but had no way of knowing for sure. She told me that she couldn't recall if Jackie mentioned a specific Base to her. She said that he had very little to say about the experience.

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Greetings from the world of the Unexplained!

Thanks for your questions regarding the Jackie Gleason incident involving the viewing of UFO crash materials and allegedly alien bodies mentioned in my seminar, on my video presentations or in articles I have written about it. I offer this prepared answer with the hope that it will help to satisfy your curiosity and apologize in advance for not personally responding to your inquiry. I do this because I have received thousands of letters and emails about this subject over the years, continue to receive them and find that this is the best way to respond in a timely manner.

I have been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time when it came to obtaining information about UFOs and the paranormal over the years. I think that has happened partly because I traveled to most U.S. States, Canada and overseas to present over 100 seminars a year for nearly twenty years before cutting back. This has given me access to a number of rare opportunities. I consider the Gleason meeting one of the rarest.

While I knew he had interest in the paranormal, I was unsure what position he took toward the subject. I got the distinct impression that he wanted to believe, but I also felt that he looked to people like me to confirm his belief. I also felt that he wanted to find out if I had seen anything like he had, either through my investigations or because my father had been an Air Force Officer at one time. Sadly, the majority of that time occurred before I was born. I had never had the opportunity to view what Gleason claimed that he saw.

My impression of Gleason was that he had a very hungry mind, was extremely intelligent and an avid reader despite having little formal education. During our first discussion in person while I was in Florida, he asked me about several books that only a true UFO Buff would have any interest in. It was obvious that he had read those and many more. He also mentioned articles he had read in various almost obscure publications that most people would not know about. That could mean he knew enough to make it all up, but it also

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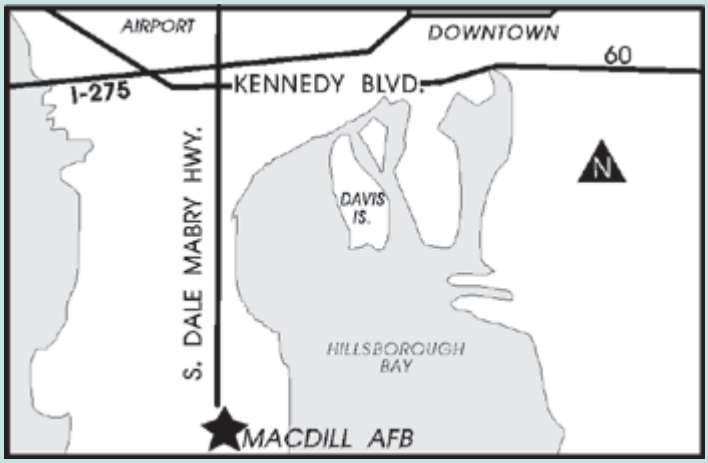
meant he had a strong interest in the phenomenon. His almost skeptical comments made me believe that he would have no interest or agenda in making up such an experience.

Now as far as his experience itself goes, Gleason was able to give me a lucid, play-by-play recall of the events leading up to his visit to MacDill AFB and subsequent viewing of the material and bodies. Having spoken to thousands of paranormal witnesses over the years, I know that there is a difference between people who are relaying what they remember as it happened, giving me a description of what they think happened, making it up as they go along or embellishing what really happened. I would rate Gleason's explanation of the events as play by play.



Like me, Gleason tended to have a better than average memory. I'm not speaking about someone's intelligence or of a photographic type memory. It's just that I tend to recall many things in detail. At one time I presented four different seminars that ran two hours in length, each with over 150 slides and video, all from memory. Likewise, Gleason tended to be able to memorize scripts and multitask when it came to his television work. He was the first TV Performer to own and control every aspect of a television show he starred in, from production to screen. He managed all that despite suffering from insomnia and an infamous alcohol addiction.

At the time Gleason told me the story, I felt that it was probably something he had hoped would never become public knowledge. He told me for his own reasons and I am still uncertain of his motive. However, I am certain he never discussed it with his professional associates (other actors, managers, etc). I have contacted a few people who worked with him over the years and none had heard the story or even seemed to have any knowledge about it. Most didn't know or care that he was interested in the paranormal. But when I asked them if they felt it might have been the booze talking, all said NO. None of them seem surprised that Jackie had lots of pull with Nixon. Apparently, it was common knowledge that Gleason had a close friendship with Richard Nixon and enjoyed common interests. Gleason did not elaborate on that with me, so I have no way of knowing if one of those common interests included UFOs or unexplained phenomenon. However, Nixon was Vice President to Eisenhower.

I'm sure you have heard the famous story of President Eisenhower vanishing from sight for a few days during an alleged dental surgery. As the story goes, an aide initially said he was off golfing, then said he was having dental surgery and finally admitted that the president had been taken to a secret military location to view the remains of a Flying Saucer and its occupants.

I have never been able to fully verify that story, but I know that statement did briefly go out to the press. There's also enough correlating evidence to indicate that Eisenhower did vanish from the eyes of the mass media for 24-48 hours. He did not go to the dentist (as later verified by his dentist) or escape for a few days of undisturbed golf games (according to his spokespeople). Eisenhower, Nixon and Gleason were all avid Golfers and that may have helped establish some sort of bond between them, but I do not know for sure. You know the old saying about telling your golf partner what you wouldn't tell your family; well maybe it's partly true.

Despite all the photo opts with his family, I have heard and read that Nixon was an intensely private man who did not easily share himself. He was inwardly strong, self-conscious and intensely secretive. Of all the presidents, less is probably known about what really went on in his white house most others with the possible exception of Truman. It's interesting to note that 1947 is the one year missing most from the collection of papers and exhibits at the Truman Library, despite the fact that it was a very important year for the Truman Presidency and was allegedly the year that the UFO cover-up began. Regarding Nixon, even those conducting the Watergate Hearings had trouble finding a paper trail for anything. It was all about what people said or claimed.

Nixon hated staff meetings and often conducted business with one or two people at a time in the oval office. Somewhat like Reagan, he delegated authority and expected results. Unlike Reagan, he hated repeating himself, despised follow up meetings and disliked hands-on situations that he might have considered beneath his responsibilities. He preferred to have most everything handled by Staff members and hated assisting subordinates to complete their assignments. Henry Kissinger was often frustrated with Nixon and said so (in a civil and even nice way) in various interviews. He claimed the president was too rigid and would rarely compromise any position he felt strongly about.

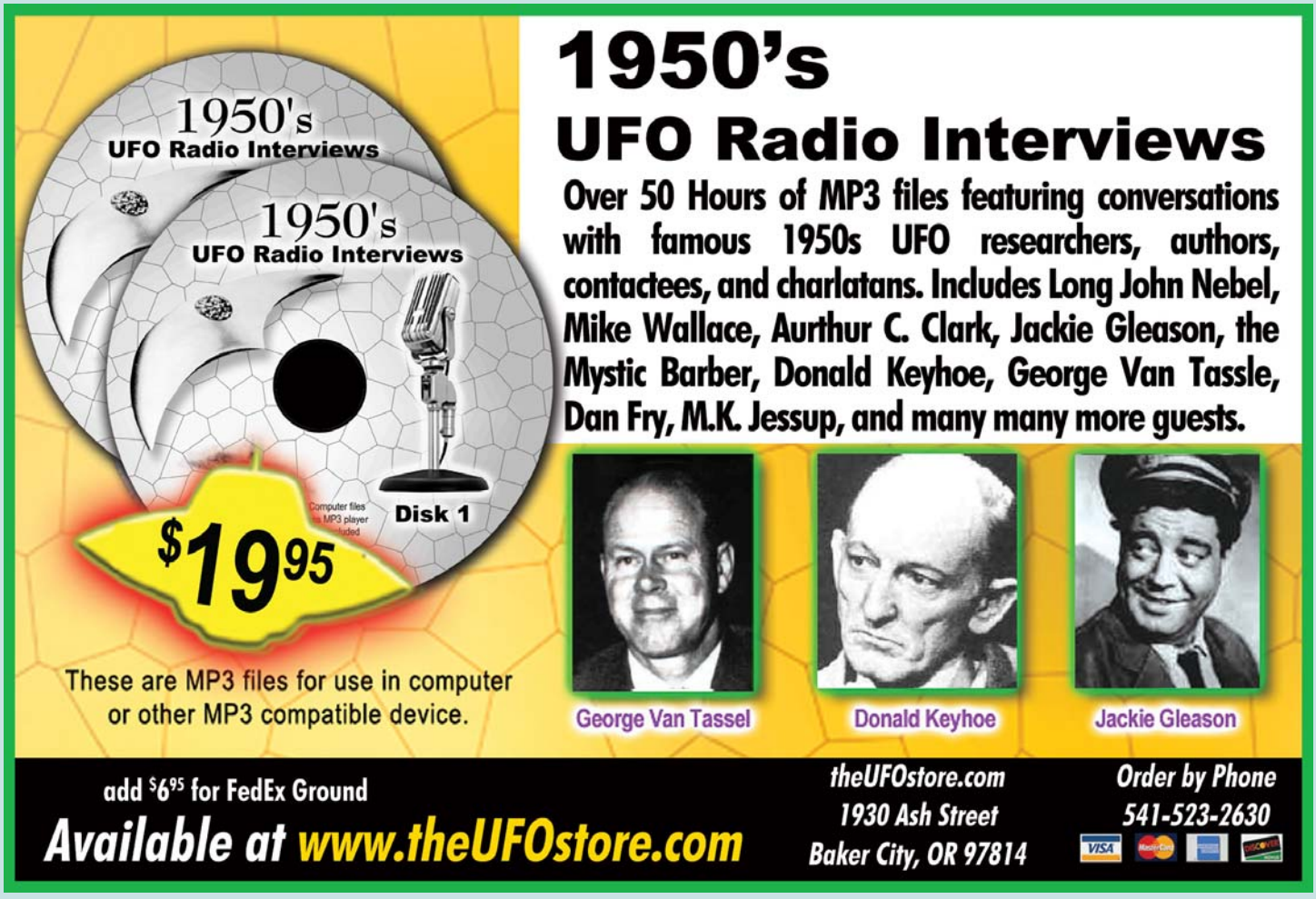
Nixon hated taking NO for an answer and brought a reasonably quick close to the Vietnam War by simply bombing the daylights out of North Vietnam anytime they walked out of peace talks or didn't respond to his offers in a timely manner. Nixon kept a very close relationship with U.S. and NATO Commanders and none ever questioned or second-guessed his use of the military the way they did whenever President Johnson was in office.

I suspect these high ranking military officers knew more than any of his personal staff or even cabinet members about any secrets Nixon had access to and were probably the ones who told him. Given Reagan's statements about Alien life, it's fascinating to note that many of his staff members had roots that went back to the Nixon Presidency. I cannot find any record of Reagan ever expressing interest in or making statements about Aliens prior to his presidency.

Nixon obviously had an IN on a lot of secrets and I am sure he had no trouble selectively sharing them with Gleason, although I doubt his own family knew any. For example, he became very interested in cable TV. It's rumored he approved the development of a chip that would allow the government to spy on cable viewers in the sense of knowing everything they watched and when. On the positive side, they would be able to vote using their cable box. Another chip was supposed to be placed in every color TV manufactured after 1972. These stories came from former GE employees who allegedly had a part in the whole thing. Who knows? But I'm certain that Nixon believed in the Big Brother concept because he had closed circuit cameras placed all over the White House and in other Government Buildings. Gleason became very interested in cable TV around the early 1970s. It could have been due to Nixon, or just the fact that cable was turning into a viable entertainment entity with pay per view experiments involving movies in several locations by that time.

Gleason once sat with Nixon in the White House, talking and drinking for over six hours. That is documented along with other meetings. Both loved to drink, but Nixon's body chemistry was weird and allowed him to consume massive amounts of alcohol without getting too drunk. Staff members said he always felt 'over-heated' and kept the a/c well below normal temperatures when he was in the White House offices or resident areas. Maybe he was an alien? Just kidding. I think Nixon and Gleason were two pees in a pod and very much alike.

Unfortunately, Jackie Gleason was not the kind of person who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spoke much about or shared his private life with co-workers. In other words, I would not describe the working environment for actors, crew or staff members of his TV or other entertainment projects as a family. That limits what they might know about his personal life off camera. Most of his friends have long passed away and family members are guarded about any relationship they might have had with him. It doesn't seem that he was very close to anyone. His brother died as a child and he didn't seem to have much of a relationship with his daughters. It's noted that he disliked working with child actors. Perhaps that's because his own childhood was so hard.

Jackie Gleason's Custom "UFO-Shaped" Home

Beverly McKittrick was his wife for just four years and, from all accounts, these were turbulent ones. I got the impression that his description to her of what he saw at MacDill was probably offered during a drinking binge or a moment of emotional confusion. Otherwise, I doubt he would have even mentioned it. She tried to write a book about her years with him and the MacDill incident, but seemed unable or unwilling to complete the project. I suspect she hoped for some cooperation that never materialized from Gleason on the project.

I also get the distinct impression that he probably did not tell his third wife, Marilyn, about it, although it is said this was his happiest marriage. If he did, she has never talked about or acknowledged it. I have never been able to discuss successfully the story wit her. It does seem that she has been very careful to guard Jackie Gleason's reputation and the memory of his life and work. I doubt she would acknowledge anything regarding Gleason that seemed out of the mainstream or that might violate some personal confidence.

As far as the military goes, they are not as inept at keeping secrets as people might believe. My father was an officer and I can tell you that there were definite levels of information and trust within the military. They have carefully designed profiling methods to decide who gets access to the most sensitive information. Any one who has ever served as an officer knows that you can spend your whole life serving in the U.S. Military and still feel like an outsider who was never a part of the actual hierarchy. The same goes for those in government service. If you have ever met an Astronaut, you know what I mean.

I have met a number of astronauts through radio and television interviews and speaking venues and I can tell you there are two types. Those in the know, and those well outside of the circle. Not that they have told me anything, but speaking with one in the know is easily discerned by their amazing ability to sidestep UFO questions and provide carefully scripted answers. The others are mostly disbelievers and skeptics by virtue of their association with the scientific community and offer their own prefabricated objections. But with the NASA outsiders, you do not get the distinct impression that they are holding something back and any question you ask will be a waste of time.

As I mention in my UFO COVER-UP and UFOs AROUND THE WORLD seminars (DVDs available), I did meet a person who has proof that they served at MacDill around the time of Gleason's visit. His personal knowledge of the visit was allegedly limited, but he did know about the building and claimed to have seen the wreckage, but was purposely vague to me about the bodies. He was also careful to say that the wreckage might have come from the crash of a secret aircraft (just an opinion).

I hope this additional information has been helpful and provided you with answers to any questions you had for me.

Thanks, Bill Knell

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